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BLACK SHEEP OF THE TREASURY!

CARVALHO YEO
MR. POTTER'S STATEMENT IN CHEQUES CASE

HONG KONG BANK'S DEFENCE

Precautions taken in the Treasury against fraud were outlined today in the "Attorney General of Hong Kong v. the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation" suit for \$200,407.93, before his Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.).

Counsel in the case are:—
For plaintiff: Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, M.C., Treasury Solicitor).
For defendants: Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master).

The special jury comprises Messrs.—H. A. Lamert (foreman), G. F. Haslam, S. M. Churn, B. Wong Tape, C. L. C. Sandes, Wong Kwong-tin, R. M. Dyer.

Precautions Taken
Mr. Potter continued his opening address begun yesterday. Apart from their legal duty, he said, the Treasury took every precaution. Competent officers are employed. Trusted subordinates have earned the trust of the Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, O.B.E. (Colonial Treasurer) in his many years of experience—until the arrival of Carvalho Yeo, he was the one black sheep in the fold, Mr. Potter added.

It will be recalled that the Government alleges that the Bank wrongfully debited its account with three cheques totalling the amount claimed also that the cheques are forgeries. The Bank denies the cheques are forgeries and, in the statement of defence, alleges negligence on the part of the Government. Carvalho Yeo is serving ten years' hard labour for converting the alleged forged cheques.

"No Irregular Conduct"

One is perfectly entitled to leave one's cheque book in a safe, even with the door open, said Mr. Potter, in dealing with the procedure at the Treasury. And, at the Treasury, by no possibility, he stated, could a stranger have access to the office or steal cheques from the cheque book in the safe.

Tsang On-wing, the cheque book clerk, said Mr. Potter, has 13 years' unblemished service to his credit and several of these years were served in the capacity of cheque book clerk at the Treasury.

Literally, there is no evidence at all of irregular conduct at the Treasury, Mr. Potter submitted.

No customer contracts with a bank to take the precautions which the Hong Kong Bank alleges the Treasury should have exercised, Mr. Potter continued. Nor is it incumbent to warn the Bank, there being no duty upon the individual to do so. If there is that duty imposed on a customer, it is of no use his saying that he did not know. The customer will be placed in an extraordinarily difficult position by a bank saying that he ought to have known.

"Asking for Trouble"

Reverting to the statement of defence, Mr. Potter explained that the Bank alleges that before or on Dec. 22 it was discovered by the Government that the printing on the cover of a cheque book had been "wrongfully and fraudulently" altered; and that 30 blank cheques, with counterfoils, had been "wrongfully and fraudulently" extracted.

If Tsang On-wing did realise on Dec. 22 that 30 cheques had been fraudulently extracted, asked Mr. Potter, what possible object could he have in concealing the fact from his superiors? He would know that he would be the first man examined. If he reported he would incur no blame. If he kept it back, he would be asking for trouble.

"Utterly to Annihilate"

"If Tsang On-wing had been in the conspiracy," Mr. Potter added, "the first things he would have done would have been utterly to annihilate the cheque book covers which were found on Jan. 18, after a search in the office following the discovery of the three disputed cheques."

"He may be a bit of a fool but he is not a knave," Mr. Potter said in referring to Tsang On-wing.

But even if the Bank's allegations were true, that does not affect the Government's position, Mr. Potter submitted, adding that this is a point of law which his Lordship will have to decide and outside of the matters of fact before the jury. The case is continuing.

DISARMAMENT

THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH VIEWS
LITVINOFF PESSIMISTIC

Geneva, Yesterday.
Mr. Hugh Gibson, United States delegate, in a speech before the Preparatory Disarmament Committee maintained the previous American standpoint that the simplest, fairest, and most practical method of naval limitation was by tonnage and by categories.

However, as some other delegations did not agree to America's modified thesis, the United States, in the hope of facilitating a general agreement was disposed to accept the French proposal as the basis of discussion, on the understanding that all quantitative tonnages and re-adjustment of tonnages, as among various categories, would be reserved for discussion at the Final Conference.

Meantime the United States was prepared to give full and friendly consideration to supplementary methods of limitation, realising that the "essential thing is the achievement of substantial results, and that methods are of secondary importance."

Attitude Must Change

Mr. Gibson added that he felt that effective limitation was impossible unless all classes of war vessels were included, moreover, genuine disarmament would only follow a changed attitude towards the use of force in settlement of disputes. Hence he appealed to delegates to examine the whole problem afresh, and seek that confidence which would enable them to dispense with armaments that had hitherto seemed so essential.

He was authorised to state that the United States were willing to agree to any reduction of naval tonnage, however drastic, which left no type of war vessel unrestricted.

Lord Cushendun's Reply

Lord Cushendun, in reply, said he was struck with Mr. Gibson's friendly, conciliatory, and helpful spirit. Britain would endeavour to meet him in exactly the same spirit.

He considered Mr. Gibson's statement to be important, and it would affect the whole work of the Committee.

Britain absolutely agreed with him on the point of reduction of armaments.

The French thesis mentioned embodied a speech by M. Paul Boncour at the last session of the committee urging greater elasticity in the distribution of tonnage.

Mr. Gibson's and Lord Cushendun's sentiments were cordially endorsed by Viscount Sato (Japan), M. Massigli (France), Signor De Marinis (Italy), and Mr. Ridell (Canada).

Viscount Sato said that the Japanese Government was studying the division of Naval armaments into categories and he hoped to submit proposals later. M. Massigli declared that France was ready to examine the new American proposals in a spirit of compromise and conciliation.

"A Tremendous Stir"

Washington, Yesterday.
The attitude of the other big naval powers, especially Great Britain, towards Mr. Gibson's proposals at Geneva is eagerly awaited. The boldness of Mr. Gibson's speech caused a tremendous stir throughout the country and political wiseacres are predicting that Pres. Hoover, with his unrivalled first hand acquaintance of Europe's problems, intends to pursue to world-wide Europe a policy of "Veiled Wilsonism" and the most friendly co-operation.

Senator Borah describes Mr. Gibson's speech as excellent. Reuter's American Service.

Further Details

London, Yesterday.
Before the Preparatory Committee on Disarmament at Geneva replying to the statement made by Mr. Hugh Gibson, the United States delegate, Lord Cushendun, the British delegate, said that while it was impossible to deal adequately at this moment to the declaration, it struck him as being so important

HONG KONG'S "MUI TSAI" PROBLEM

MORE QUESTIONS
OFFICIAL STATEMENT MADE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

RECENT NEGOTIATIONS

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Ormsby Gore, (Under-Secretary for the Colonies) said that Mr. Amery, (Dominion Secretary) had received a despatch from the Governor of Hong Kong with regard to child adoption.

Mr. Amery was asking the Governor for further information and when this was received the papers would be submitted to the House.

Replying to Col. Harry Day (Labour) Mr. Ormsby Gore said that Mr. Amery, in concert with the Governor of Hong Kong, was considering means to prevent evasions of the law against child adoption. The question was very difficult when a large number of Chinese subjects were coming to Hong Kong from other provinces with a proportion of "mui tsai" among them.—Reuter.

MOTOR RECORDS

CAMPBELL ABANDONS THE MILE ATTEMPT
NEW PLANS

Verneuk Pan, Yesterday.
Captain Malcolm Campbell has abandoned his intention of re-attempting the mile record, but will endeavour to establish 1.5 and 10 kilometre records, probably simultaneously.—Reuter.

that he would make one or two observations upon it without delay. Friendly, conciliatory & helpful. No-one could fail to have been struck with the friendly, conciliatory and helpful spirit of the declaration, and he would say it was in that spirit the British Government also desired to approach this very complicated and difficult question. He could not commit himself at present to any specific proposition contained in Mr. Gibson's declaration but, as far as any general principle was concerned, there was nothing Mr. Gibson had said with which he could not express agreement.

The Kellogg Pact
He welcomed particularly Mr. Gibson's allusion to the Kellogg Pact, adding: "Having had the personal privilege of signing that great instrument on behalf of the British Government I certainly am not disposed to belittle its importance. I believe it is most profoundly important with regard to the whole outlook of the world. I believe the signing of the Kellogg Pact has done more to promote the security of the world, on which disarmament must proceed, than any other event. I do not think it has even yet been fully realised how important it is."

A Similar Desire

In regard to Mr. Gibson's statement that in naval matters the United States desired not only limitation but reduction, Lord Cushendun said that was also the desire of the British Government which, like the United States, desired limitation and reduction to be applied to all classes of vessels. "If, in some negotiations we have, provisionally at all events, consented to a scheme of reduction which left any classes of vessels outside, that was not because we considered that an ideal solution of the problem but merely because in the interests of agreement we were willing to forgo some part of our ideal in order to get agreement upon others. We have never concealed the fact that we desire, if we can get agreement upon it, limitation and reduction as applied to all classes of vessels."

He reminded the commission that twelve months ago he had publicly intimated to the British Government that he would be glad to see a further reduction of the size of those categories covered by the Washington agreement and also a prolongation of their life; that was to say a longer period before they could be replaced. The British Government had also intimated their readiness, if my colleagues would agree, to a total abolition of submarines. Therefore, the British Government had already shown a

KING'S MESSAGE TO HIS PEOPLE

"LOOKING BACK"
HEART FULL OF THANKFULNESS FOR RECOVERY

WORLD-WIDE SYMPATHY

London, Yesterday.
His Majesty the King in his Message to the Nation says: "Looking back upon my long illness and recovery, my heart is full of thankfulness for a far deeper origin than the mere sense of relief. I have been brought from the danger and weariness of the past months by the wonderful skill and devotion of my doctors, surgeons and nurses. Help has come from another source of strength, as month after month I have learned the widespread, loving solicitude with which the Queen and I are surrounded."

"Prayers and Good Wishes"
I am able to picture to myself the crowds of friends waiting and watching at my gates and think still of the greater number of those, who throughout the Empire are remembering me with prayers and good wishes. Realisation of this has been among the most vivid experiences of my life. It has been an encouragement beyond description to feel that my constant and earnest desire has been granted—the desire to gain the confidence and affection of my people. My thoughts have carried me even further. I cannot dwell upon the generous sympathy shown to me by unknown friends of many other countries without a new and moving hope.

His Majesty's Hope

I long to believe it possible that experiences such as mine may soon appear no longer exceptional; when the national anxieties of all the peoples of the world shall be felt as a common source of human sympathy and a common claim on human friendship. I am not yet able to bear the strain of public ceremony, but I look forward to some appointed day joining with my people at home and Overseas in thanking God not merely for my own recovery but for the new evidences of growing kindness, significant of the true nature of men and nations.

BRITAIN AND TRADE WITH RUSSIA

FRESH SETTLEMENT
SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN ON THE ORDERS OF £150,000,000

WHAT THE SOVIET WANT

London, Yesterday.
M. Piatakov's estimate of £150,000,000 worth of orders to Great Britain was the subject of questions in the House of Commons. Sir A. Chamberlain stated that the orders were made dependent not only upon the resumption of diplomatic relations but upon the granting of extensive new credits to Russia. Thus no satisfaction had been offered for the abuses of which the British Government complain while a demand had been made for revival and extension of the financial provision of 1924, the dr. Y. treaty of which the British Government had declared to be unacceptable. If the Soviets ever desire to make definite proposals there are sources through which it can be accomplished. Meantime, trading facilities have not been interrupted and the Soviet Government has placed orders in Britain though not to the extent of the amount of the credit opened to them by the British purchases in Russia.—Reuter.

AIR FATALITY

EXTRAORDINARY DOUBLE ACCIDENT
SIX PEOPLE KILLED

San Diego, Yesterday.
Six people were killed here today in an extraordinary double aeroplane accident.

An Army aeroplane suddenly plunged down from a height of 2,000 feet, and struck the wing of a passenger plane which was flying beneath. Both planes crashed, and all the occupants were killed.

One of the occupants of the Army plane jumped out, but his parachute caught a wing, and he was carried helplessly to his death.—Reuter's American Service.

CHANGTEH RELIEF

FOREIGNERS REACH BRITISH MANNED TUG
U.S. MISSIONARY'S REPORT

A Royal Naval communiqué states:—
"The shallow draft tug 'Chuchow', manned by Lt. L. P. Skipwith and men from H.M.S. 'Widgeon', reached Kiangchow, a port on the Yangtze River, below the objective, Changteh, and could not proceed higher up the Yangtze (a tributary of the Yangtze) owing to low water."

"A telegram received at Changsha on April 21 stated that Mr. Gabb of the A.P.C., Rose, Toetell, Cornetaki, Pelling and Miss Jacobson have been taken on board the 'Chuchow', which sailed for Changsha on April 22."

"News from an American missionary at Changteh, where there has been fighting and robbery and injury to foreigners, is that the position there has improved."

Upper Yangtze War Ends

Other R.N. news from Upper Yangtze River ports, where the pro-Kwangsi remnants, is as follows:—
"Strict martial law is in force at Shasi (287 miles above Hankow) but the place is quiet and a cessation of hostilities at the port is reported. Strict martial law also prevails at Ichang (83 miles above Shasi) but, otherwise, Ichang is quiet."

KELLOGG PACT

FORMALLY RATIFIED BY FRANCE
JAPAN LAGS BEHIND

Washington, Yesterday.
The French Ambassador has handed the United States' Government the French ratification of the Kellogg Pact and has also exchanged ratifications on the Franco-American Arbitration Treaty, signed last year.

The treaty of renunciation of war now only lacks the Japanese ratification to make it effective.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 9/16.

THIRD TIME

NATIONALIST FLAG UP IN CHEFOO
NORTHERNERS ROUTED

Chefoo, Yesterday.
For the third time, in twelve months, the Nationalist flag has replaced the five-barred "Northern" flag. This occurred when the Nationalist defenders, General Liu Chen-nien's forces, entered Chefoo this morning, meeting practically no resistance from Chang Tsung-chang's Northerners.

The Northerners were fleeing in very disorderly manner westwards.

Chang Tsung-chang left on a ship for Dairen last night. General Liu Chen-nien is expected shortly and there are no serious incidents as yet.—Reuter.

It was from Dairen in Japanese territory in South Manchuria, that he went to have another flag in Chefoo. He wrested Chefoo from Liu Chen-nien by instigating treachery.

Before the Fall
Chefoo, Yesterday.
In spite of the continued retreat of Northern stragglers through Chefoo, General Chang Tsung-chang has issued posters declaring the capture of Muping and the death of the Nationalist General Liu Chen-nien. The situation here is quiet but the shops are all shuttered up.—Reuter.

POLICE SENSATION

DISCOVERY OF ANOTHER "SQUEEZE" RING
CONSTABLES ABSCOND

Another black spot is cast on the good name of the Chinese section of the Police Force following the sensational discovery of another "squeeze ring," by which a gang of ruthless constables, attached to the Hawker's Squad, had systematically been extracting bribes from licensed and unlicensed hawkers.

A similar ring was discovered and subsequently broken up about two years ago. Five Chinese constables were arrested in connection with that episode, and they were all sentenced to terms of imprisonment. It was then thought that the punishment meted out to the delinquents would have a salutary effect on others. It, however, tended to show that where money is offered freely, there is bound to be corruption.

This morning four Chinese were charged at the Central Magistracy before Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., with aiding and abetting certain Chinese constables in taking bribes from hawkers.

Three of the accused pleaded guilty. One man said that he was only acting for the first accused. On being told that it amounted to aiding and abetting, he also pleaded guilty.

Outlining the facts of the case, Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds said that the four accused used to sit in different places at Hollywood road. Hawkers, both licensed and unlicensed, would go up to either one of them once a week and hand over their "subscription." In the case of a licensed hawker the weekly sum would be eighty cents, and \$1 for an unlicensed hawker.

The recipient of the money would take down the hawkers' names and, in turn, acquaint them with the password for the week. It would seem that the hawkers merely paid for the password and the protection which went with it. Should they commit a breach of their contract in any way, and when their attention was drawn to it by any constable on that beat, they would only have to repeat the password. No action would then be taken against them.

The accused, in their capacity, as receiving agents, got 10 per cent. of the amount paid over by the hawkers. It was a lucrative employment, because their weekly takings often amounted to about \$50.

His Worship asked what had been done to the constables. C.D.I. Reynolds replied that a warrant had been issued for the apprehension of the men, but they had absconded. He thought that if the four accused were sent to jail, they could be produced under a writ of habeas corpus to give evidence against the constables should they be arrested.

His Worship, however, deferred passing sentence for a week.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Carysfort," a cruiser out from Home with reliefs for the China Station, left Shanghai yesterday for Nanking. Another cruiser, Homeward bound, H.M.S. "Dartmouth," arrived at Singapore yesterday from Hong Kong.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY IN HONG KONG

AMBITIOUS SCALE
BIG ATTENDANCE AT CENOTAPH CEREMONY

ENTERTAINMENT OF SERVICES

St. George's Day was observed on a more ambitious scale in Hong Kong than hitherto. Roses were presented to distinguished ladies and to the local hospitals, a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph, there will be an entertainment for the public this afternoon and, in the evening, Service men will be guests at a smoking concert. The usual fraternal telegrams were exchanged.

Gifts of Roses

Baskets of English roses were presented by the Society to Mrs. W. T. Southern (wife of the Colonial Secretary) and to Mrs. A. K. Waistell (wife of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief). Bunches of roses were given to the following:—

Government Civil Hospital, Victoria Hospital, Peak Hospital, Matilda Hospital, Military Hospital (Bowen-road), Royal Naval Hospital, French Convent Hospital, Alice Memorial Hospital, Tsai Yuk Maternity Hospital (Eastern-street), Tung Wah Hospital, Italian Convent Hospital, St. Francis Infirmary (Wanchai), Kowloon Hospital, Kowloon Military Hospital, Kwong Wah Hospital.

Telegrams Received

Complimentary telegrams received by the Society in Hong Kong up to noon to-day were:—
London:—Prince George present at banquet. First Lord of the Admiralty chairman. All prosperity and happiness. St. George's Society.

Shanghai:—Greetings from Shanghai:—O. M. Green, President.

At the Cenotaph
Promptly at 11 a.m. a gathering of Englishmen assembled at the Hong Kong Club. The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (President of the Society of St. George, Hong Kong) and the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., L.L.D. (a Past President) carried the wreath which was deposited at the Cenotaph.

Captain F. G. Sillitoe, R.M., Aide-de-Camp, also laid a wreath on behalf of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) who associated himself with the ceremony.

Others noticed present included Mr. W. A. Dowley and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (Past Presidents), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Mr. S. T. Butlin (hon. secretary), Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. H. R. Phelps, Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, M.C., Mr. S. J. Jordan, M.C., Mr. E. M. Hazeland, Mr. W. J. Stokes, Mr. W. A. Cornell, Mr. G. E. Wetton, Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Mr. E. W. Carpenter.

After the ceremony, the gathering were entertained by the President to refreshments.

Functions To-day

Many of the troops in the Garrison wore the red and white rose in their headgear to-day, including men in the 2nd Batt. the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The Hong Kong Cricket Club ground has been lined with marquees, draped with flags (the cross of St. George predominating). At 5.30 p.m. the 1st Batt. the Somerset Light Infantry will sound "The Retreat."

At 7 p.m. the President will broadcast an address to Englishmen, also the telegrams received from branches of the Society in other parts of the world. Broadcasting will be from 2BW on 350 metres.

At 8 p.m. a smoking concert will be held for Servicemen in Lee Theatre, East Point. Programmes of the concert and "The Retreat" have been published already.

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HONG KONG & KOWLOON
WATER SUPPLY.

THE QUANTITY OF WATER in the Storage Reservoirs has fallen so low that further restrictive measures are under consideration and should an adequate rainfall, not occur before the end of April the Water Supply in HONG KONG and KOWLOON will be CUT OFF daily between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from the 1st May.

The most rigid economy in the consumption of water is now essential, and the co-operation of the public in preventing waste is again earnestly requested.

HAROLD T. CREESE,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1929.

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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, F. & O. Building, on MONDAY, the 29th April, 1929, at 11 a.m.

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HERBERT R. STURT,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1929.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, April 27, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 for all persons including Ladies.

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Two Czechoslovakians, Mr. Bohumil Pospisil, Editor and author, with his secretary Mr. Joseph Hubi have arrived in Hong Kong from Haiphong.

The two travellers started two years and six months ago from Prague, Czechoslovakia, on a mission to break the World's record of 40,000 kms. by covering 100,000 kms. and crossing all continents. Their enterprise is the longest distance effort of this kind as 100,000 kms. means two and half times more than the length of the equator.

Travel by all Methods.

Travelling in the style of modern Marco Polos, the two adventurers have already covered 80,000 kms., travelling on foot, camels, horse back, bullock-carts, elephants, riverboats, motor cars and railways.

They have already passed through Europe, Asia, the South Seas, and their itinerary has been marked by a sojourn in Turkey, Syria, Kurdistan, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Persia, Baluchistan, India, Burma, the Straits Settlements, Johore, Negri Sembilan, Selangor, Perak, Kedah, Perlis, Siam, Cambodia, Cochinchina, Annam, Tonkin, China, Mongolia, Manchuria, Korea, Japan, the Philippines (Panay, Luzon, Cebu, Mindanao and Sulu Islands), British and Dutch Borneo, the Celebes Island, Bali, Java, and Sumatra.

Mr. Pospisil, who has previously travelled extensively, felt that this record must be made by Czechoslovakians at any cost, and he decided with his secretary that this trip must be done within three years as compared with the previous record of 40,000 kms. only (also accomplished within three years). The travellers earn their living on the way by journalistic work and by lecturing on the subject of their experiences and discoveries and informing the public of their newly established Czechoslovak Republic, especially about the industry and commercial relations with foreign countries. Besides books of travel Mr. Pospisil is preparing a series of lectures with pictures for different educational societies of his country and for the Czechoslovakian Ministry of Education. He has secured already many thousands of pictures.

First Unsuccessful Attempt

An effort to establish a record of 100,000 kms. was made five years ago by another Czechoslovak journalist with his wife and friend. He was killed by fanatics when they tried to cross the Arabian desert. His wife was seriously wounded, her arm being subsequently amputated, while the third companion was mentally deranged.

In spite of warnings by the European Press Mr. Pospisil with his secretary set out and, so far, has managed to come through whole.

In Asiatic countries the travellers faced danger at many points, while crossing sun-stricken deserts, ice-covered mountains, wandering in snow blizzards and through jungles full of wild animals or while breaking into high mountains and thus encountering motor accidents and they once fell down into a precipice. They passed through Greece in the time of the revolution against General Pangalos. In Kurdistan they encountered a revolt against Mustapha Kemal. Kurd re-

bels attacked them, but the fact that they had no firearms, or even knives with them, saved their lives. The two travellers are bound not to carry arms of any kind during their trip. The wild tribes in Asia Minor regard the killing of an unarmed traveller as a dishonour to the tribe.

Thrilling Escapes

Crossing Syria, they experienced thrilling escapes, having been captured by Druss insurgents who were at war with the French. In the Arabian desert the travellers were stopped by Bedouins, who snatched away their clothes and everything they possessed. So that they had to run through the barren desert for four days quite nude, lacking food and water, nearly becoming mad by the well known desert hallucinations. Unconscious, they were picked up by the mysterious Devil Worshipers who live in the mountainous oasis Djebel Sindjar.

Passing through the snowy mountains of Persia they had to fight the "white death" and several times they just escaped being buried under avalanches of snow or killed by fanatics.

In addition to securing valuable experiences in China during the recent internal strife the travellers were also kidnapped by northern bandits. But when they learned who their involuntary guests were, they released them and even offered financial compensation.

In Mongolia they nearly lost their lives in the terrible snow storm called "shurgan."

The two Czechoslovakians declared that some times it was easier to obtain food and transport in the less cultured countries than in the more advanced ones.

They are full of the spirit of adventure, searching the dangerous places, crossing the length and breadth of each country, unlike other globe trotters who usually pass along the most frequented tourist points.

Lectures of Travel

The travellers will stay here for some days before leaving for America. Mr. Pospisil is at service to societies and clubs as well as to private individuals to deliver lectures and supply information. His last lecture was delivered to an audience of the French Radio Co., in Haiphong.

Mr. Pospisil has been a Theosophist for many years, as has his secretary. Those interested in the travellers should communicate with them at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS

April 22, 1929.

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Brilliant Competition



...gulled a beautiful finish out of his bag of tricks to win the Miami match four-ball match with his partner, Leo Diegel, against Gene Sarazen (left) and Johnny Farrell (right). The next big tournament is the Lagor, which attracts the cream of professional talent with a \$15,000 purse. The Hag is given better than an even chance of winning since his Miami performance, but who can tell in this game of golf? There's a golfer coming for his first big Eastern tournament, and that's Harry Cooper (right), the big toe and green boy from Joplin, Mo., and his chances are mighty good. In fact, any one of the players beaten by Hagen has more than a show-



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AKI MARU Wednesday, 24th April.
KAGA MARU Wednesday, 24th April.
BOMIRAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TAKASHIMA MARU Saturday, 27th April.
HAKODATE MARU Wednesday, 1st May.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.
BOKUYO MARU Tuesday, 21st May.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
HAKATA MARU Monday, 6th May.
NEW YORK via PANAMA.
LISBON MARU Monday, 29th April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Geneva, Marseilles.
TOYOKA MARU Tuesday, 21st May.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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HONOLULU MARU Saturday, 4th May.
SUMATRA MARU Sunday, 19th May.
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BORNEO MARU Wednesday, 24th April.
SEATTLE MARU Thursday, 2nd May.
KASADO MARU Saturday, 18th May.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Monday, 29th April.
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
HIMALAYA MARU Wednesday, 8th May.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
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NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
GANGES MARU Tuesday, 23rd April.
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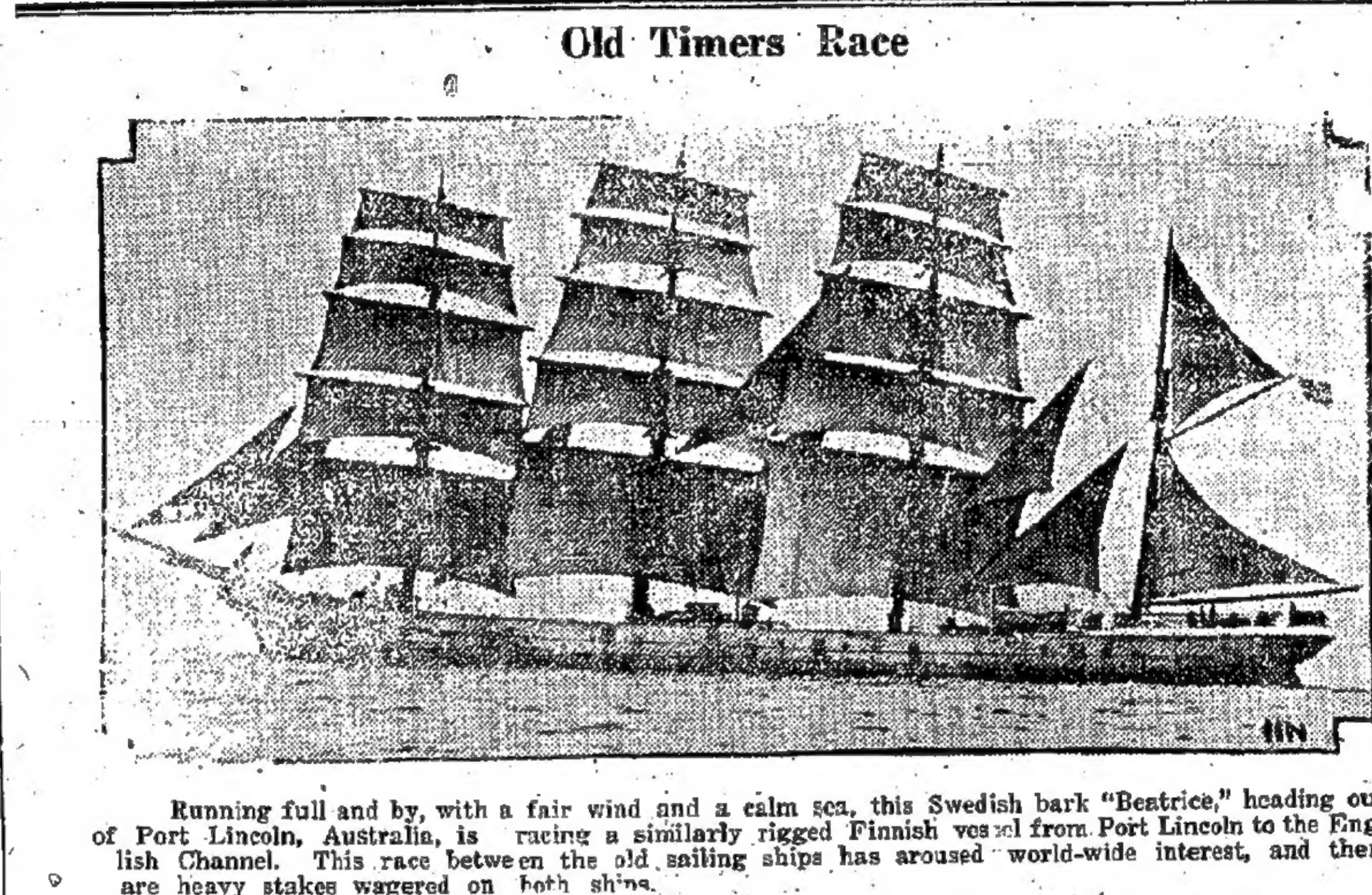
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SHIPPING OUTLOOK

COMMENT FROM THE
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When a vessel is making for home in misty weather, with the outlook consequently obscured, the eyes of all on board are naturally strained to catch the first glimpse of land in the hope that it will signalise the approaching end of a tedious and difficult spell of navigation. Some fancy they destroy it when no land is there—the desire to see it produces a picture which exists only in the imagination. Similarly, in times of long-drawn-out depression in industry those most nearly concerned are constantly on the watch to discern the first movement towards a lifting of the fog; and some, likewise, have metaphorically cried out "Land in sight" when it has only been a mirage. It is a curious fact that in recent times there has been in the shipping months of each year but sudden spurts in trade, and this has led many to conclude that the worst was over and to indulge in optimistic prophecies as to what was going to happen in the near future. Unfortunately, these cheerful forecasts have not so far been realised, but at last there seems to be some solid ground for believing that the tide has definitely turned and will now begin to speed our progress instead of retarding it, as has been done for these seven or eight weary years. The courage and endurance shown by all connected with the shipping industry during this long testing period

time thus satisfactory at least until Easter. Prices have in consequence advanced to the highest levels for 13 months and the output in a recent week amounted to 955,000 tons, being the first time in 18 months that figure has been reached. With regard to iron and steel industry, there are also welcome signs of revival. It is true that the production of steel for 1928 shows a falling off of 6.3 per cent. from the figures for 1927, but the output during the latter year was affected in the earlier months by arrears of work, due to the stoppage in 1926. In point of fact the production in the later months of 1928 showed an encouraging increase over the corresponding period for 1927, and the improvement is likely to be maintained in regard to both structural and shipbuilding steel. Sheffield steel also shows expansion, but in none of these cases (on the increases yet be translated into statistical form. With regard to the textile industry, our official representatives in both India and China report improved prospects. Our trade with the Far East in recent years has suffered grievous loss, which has fallen upon both Lancashire and the shipping companies. Now, however, thanks to the Anglo-Chinese Tariff Treaty concluded in December last, and the formal recognition of the Nanking Government by our own, the way would seem to be open to a great revival of activity, especially as there now exists in China a more friendly attitude towards Britain and British trade than has been the case for many years. Optimism justified. Looking at things all round, there-



whether on the building or the owning side—are characteristic of our race, but none the less compel our admiration. During that time some of the weaker vessels have gone to the wall, but the survivors who are in the great majority, of course, have the virility and enterprise to take advantage of the opportunities when they shall come their way, and see to it that the British flag is still kept paramount upon the Seven Seas.

What of the Future? Straws show which way the wind blows. It may not, therefore, be opportune if we pick up a few and examine them to see if our faith in a brighter future is justified. The banks have all had a record year, and those charged with the direction of these great institutions have their fingers on the pulse of commerce and are, therefore, in a favourable position for forming reliable views as to the trend of affairs. When we find great financial authorities of this sort sounding a note of optimism we are entitled to take heart of grace. Mr. Tennant told the shareholders of the Westminster Bank at the annual meeting that "slowly and with greater difficulties than those experienced by other nations in the industry is of newer growth. Great Britain is at last bringing herself up to concert pitch." To the shareholders of Barclays Bank Mr. Goodenough declared that there was "ample ground" for a confident and hopeful feeling. Mr. Beaumont Pease struck a similar though perhaps a slightly more subdued note in his address to the shareholders of Lloyds Bank; and finally Sir Harry Goschen, in presiding over the annual general meeting of the National Provincial Bank, adopted a distinctly hopeful tone in his address to the shareholders. Apart from political considerations, which are always to be contended with as an unknown factor, he considered that the commercial affairs were undoubtedly showing an upward tendency. Shipping, of course, is dependent for its prosperity in times of peace upon the well-being of trade generally. It is one of the first businesses to feel any setback and one of the last for the turning tide of prosperity to affect. For several years past our basic industries have been heavily overhauled. The coal strike of 1925 dealt the country a blow from which it has not yet recovered, and to this our roll of unemployed tragically testifies. Indeed, it is beyond hope that we shall ever entirely recover from that disaster, and the industry as a whole is healthier for the pruning. In Cardiff at the present time there is a brisk demand for coal for both foreign and inland trade requirements, and steamers are even delayed on account of the inability of the colliers to maintain sufficient supplies at the docks to keep the time working regularly, a state of things which has been known for a long time. Given an adequate supply of tonnage it is expected that the situation will con-

fore, there would appear to be ample justification for the optimistic spirit which pervaded the speech of Sir Wm. Seager in responding, as president of the Chamber of Shipping, to the toast of "The Shipping Industry" at the Newcastle Shippers' Association's banquet. He had no patience with those who went about with bent heads and hands hanging down bemoaning the difficulties they had to meet. Difficulties in shipping had always existed, and it was, perhaps, only natural that each generation should think their own troubles were greater than those their forefathers in the past had to contend with. At the present time, as he pointed out, freight rates were higher and the demand for tonnage to carry the commodities of one country to the other that needed them was widening and increasing in volume. Trades which had been quiescent for a number of years were beginning to function again, and though he did not want to paint the picture in too rosy a hue he thought the outlook was distinctly encouraging. There had been a great amount of tonnage ordered during the past few months, and he would not take such a step unless they felt confident that the prospects of profitable employment for the vessels warranted it. Our workmen have a higher standard of living and a better rate of pay than the workmen in most competing countries enjoy—to say nothing of hours. To maintain this superiority, and yet be able to quote competitive prices, amalgamation, reorganisation, and all that is implied by that objectionable word "rationalisation" is being employed in our great industries. But the greatest need is harmony and co-operation between employer and employee, a growing tendency towards which has during the last few months been manifested, and which is the most hopeful augury of victory.

DREDGER ARRIVES
An interesting arrival was registered yesterday when the hopper dredger "Chun Ping" of 211 tons, which left Leth, on February 6 bound for Chinwangtao, arrived here. She came in for water under the command of Capt. Mack, who is here for the first time in 45 years. When Capt. Mack was here last, he was on the famous "Cutty Sark," which was in the hey-day of her career.

WILLS
Mr. David Maitland, of Messrs. Maitland & Co. (Glasgow), Ltd., ship furnishers, left personal estate valued at £31,230.
Mr. Thomas Miller, M.L.C.E., late engineer to the Ipswich Dock Commission, left £25,849 net personal estate.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE
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JAPAN TO PROTEST

SHELLING OF S.S. "BAIRYO MARU"

UPPER YANGTZE CLASH

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Later reports of the casualties on the N.Y.K. Upper Yangtze s.s. "Bairyo Maru," which was bombarded with guns and rifle fire a few miles below Ichang, whilst on her maiden voyage to Chungking, state that Sub-Lieut. Toyoda and one Chinese were killed, the Chief Engineer died of wounds and six or seven, including five Japanese, were wounded.—Reuter.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The P. & O. s.s. "Khiva" from Hong Kong arrived London on April 20 at 9 a.m. and s.s. "Khyber" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles on April 20 at 1:30 p.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Alipore" left Shanghai for this port on April 21 at 7:30 a.m., and is due here on April 24 at about 6 p.m.
The H.T. s.s. "Tilawa" will leave Amoy for this port on April 24 p.m., and is due here on April 25 p.m.
The B.I. s.s. "Talanba" left Singapore for this port on April 21 p.m., and is due here on April 25 a.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 20, and is due here on May 8. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. the same day.

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EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 12
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 18
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DELTA	8,097	10th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
		14th May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*ROSSINGTON COURT			
		22nd May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
		22nd May	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,538	24th May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	4th June	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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*TILSINGTON COURT		10th June	
			Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKIWA	7,936	19th June	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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HATCH COVERS

SHOULD THEY BE OF WOOD OR STEEL?

EXPERT VIEWS

There has been a recrudescence of correspondence in some of the shipping papers in connection with the subject of hatch covers. Mr. A. C. Hardy, B.Sc., A.M. Inst. N.A., an acknowledged expert in ship construction, contributes a very interesting article to "The Journal of Commerce" on the subject. He says that lots of people have had things to say about wooden covers, many have good ideas for patent hatches, but the fact remains that with few exceptions, ship-owners seem to prefer to keep to the old style of hatch. The British ship-owner, all said and done, leads the world in keeping up to date in modern developments as regards ship construction. He has the advice of experts in the form of his superintendents when new ships are under construction. As we look at it, therefore, there seems to be some good reason for the old wooden hatch cover being retained. This type of hatch covering is expensive in more ways than one. We noticed a letter from an ex-Superintendent some time ago in the Press, in which he set out to prove by figures the enormous loss in time—and consequently money—which was suffered by the ordinary cargo steamer in the course of a year in the handling of wooden hatches. His figures were certainly very formidable and were warranted to make the most sceptical think. Then there are the expensive tarpaulins, to say nothing of beams, wedges, battens, etc. Mr. Hardy says that the alternative is a steel cover. The objection to the steel cover is that it is heavy, that it requires powerful winches to lift it and that when the cover is raised it obstructs the view of the men working the winches. Perhaps the most classic examples, he says, of big steel hatch covers are to be found on the big 20,000-ton d.w. carriers "Ovaland" and "Amerikland," which runs between Sparrows Point, Maryland, and Cruz Grande, Chile. The big hatch covers to their owners are of steel-plate construction, and these, he says, are side of a common centre line. These open upwards and provide facility for operation of grab buckets for rapid unloading at the terminals. These covers—heavy and of steel though they are—are lifted by means of winches with the aid of electric winches, one winch for each pair of hatches. All the covers can be raised in about ten minutes. There is no encumbrance of hatch beams or covers on the deck, the hatch covers are either of the beam-trance and out of everyone's way until cargo handling is completed. A few minutes and a little careful operation allow them to be lowered into position again. Watertightness is obtained by clamping down on thick rubber pads about 1/4-in. wide and 1 1/2-in. thick round the edge of the hatch cover. Bolts fitting into cleats on the hatch make it possible to screw the covers down tightly. With the length of the steel cover there is no danger of hatches being stove in by heavy seas, however severe the pounding. With the tightness round the edges there is no possibility of cargo damage of any kind. Such hatches are certainly an application to cargo vessels carrying case, package, or grain cargo, on the grounds that they are too cumbersome. There is a certain justification for the criticism, as has been mentioned, on the grounds that the upstanding height of the openhatch covers would interfere with the ordinary derricks and winches. On the other hand, it is possible with modern practice, to consider arrangements of derricks and winches. Certain lumber carriers on the Pacific North-West Coast, for instance, and a number of modern cargo ships with electric winches, have their derricks and winches raised, the space under the winch platforms being enclosed to form housings for the electrical resistance and controllers, an arrangement which protects motors and electrical gear from many a swamping at sea, and gives the winchman in port a better view over the hatchways.

WOOSUNG FORTS

THE DEMAND TO SEARCH FOREIGN VESSELS

SHANGHAI CONSUL'S PROTEST

The alleged practice of foreign vessels ignoring the warnings and signals of the Woosung Forts and entering and leaving port has resulted in a Note being addressed by the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs to the Senior Consul, in which the former states:—
"According to information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of War, foreign vessels entering and leaving Woosung frequently have ignored the signals and warnings of the Woosung Fort authorities to stop and submit to search. I was ordered to notify the Consuls of the various Powers in Shanghai that all vessels, foreign and Chinese, passing the Forts, must obey orders and stop for search. In accordance with these instructions and also a request from the commanding officer at the Woosung Forts, already have notified 'all' this effect.
"Your reply was to the effect that, in 1927, when fighting broke out near Shanghai, the Consular Body agreed to permit Customs officers and the Special Patrols to search foreign vessels entering Woosung under certain conditions but that, as present conditions are quite different, the Consular Body at Shanghai could not agree to order foreign vessels to submit themselves to search by the Chinese authorities.
"Upon receipt of this reply, I at once conveyed its contents to the Shanghai and Woosung Consular Commission and the commanding officer of the Woosung Forts and have now received a further letter from the latter officer in which he says:—
"As a result of the unequal treaties, foreign vessels have been allowed to steam into the inland rivers of China. At the present time military campaigns have been brought to an end but law-breakers and civil characters have not been suppressed. The situation, therefore, has to be taken by us in such matters. Woosung is the gateway to the capital and law-breakers and arms and opium smugglers have constantly come to Shanghai in foreign vessels. For this reason, we are enforcing the regulations governing the search of incoming and outgoing vessels.
"According to the Senior Consul's reply, the Consular Body does not agree to the search of foreign vessels entering port for certain reasons, such as peace conditions at present and military operations in 1927. We all know that our revolutionary forces captured Kiangsu and Chekiang in 1927. . . . The Consular Body's refusal to co-operate with us in permitting the search of foreign vessels is unreasonable.
In order, therefore, that special precautions may be taken to suppress evil characters and uphold the dignity of the Woosung Forts, you are requested to notify the Consular Body that, hereafter and until further notice, all vessels, foreign and Chinese, entering and leaving port and passing the Forts, must stop and obey the orders of those at the Forts and submit to search."
"I also have received a letter from the Consular Commission (continues the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs) in which he says that he cannot agree with your statements and asks me to lodge a strong protest.
In view of the strategic importance of the Woosung Forts, of the activities of law-breakers and of prevailing rumours, I consider that the search of vessels entering and leaving port is of the greatest importance and have to notify you that all vessels, foreign and Chinese must submit to search.
"You are, therefore, requested to bring this matter up before your colleagues and notify me accordingly."

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The Fleet of the Future was the subject of a lecture given by Captain J. D. Creagh, R.N., at the Royal United Service Institution. In the future, he said, the Fleet might have to operate in areas where distances were measured in thousands or tens of thousands of miles, as opposed to the hundreds of miles which had to be considered in the late war. It would, therefore, be necessary for future ships to possess greater mobility—power to proceed when and where necessary, and to maintain themselves there so long as required.

Describing the means by which aircraft could co-operate with the Navy, he said that so important was this weapon to the Fleet that it was difficult to understand why the Fleet were not in complete control of their own naval air arm. The present arrangement was as reasonable as for the Royal Artillery to supply ships' guns and to be responsible for the training of gun crews.

In regard to the type of capital ship necessary in the future, he suggested that Germany had shown the way with a 10,000-ton motor-driven vessel capable of 26 knots. Such a ship could go from London to Fremantle at 20 knots and still have a margin in hand. It seemed to him that the motor would be the engine of the future and that the desired mobility was in sight. His idea of the Fleet of the future was that it would consist of a much smaller type of capital ship of higher speed. "Battleship" would be a more suitable name for it, because on the battle, if there was one, would depend.

Its auxiliaries would consist of a smaller type of cruiser—probably two distinct types—aircraft carriers of new design and less vulnerable, and possibly surface torpedo carriers. It was very necessary that the Fleet should have freedom to use its powers without unnecessary restrictions, and it seemed reasonable for the Navy to have control of the weapons which were essential to it. It was necessary also to have a real understanding and co-operation with the Army, while in liaison with the Merchant Navy was essential in the defence of the Empire.

HONG KONG TIDE.

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April 19 to 25, 1929.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
Ap. 19	Standard Time	Standard Time
19	7 45 4.1	0 48 1.1
20	8 21 6.4	0 6 4.1
21	8 58 13.4	0 13 1.2
22	9 35 20.4	0 20 3.4
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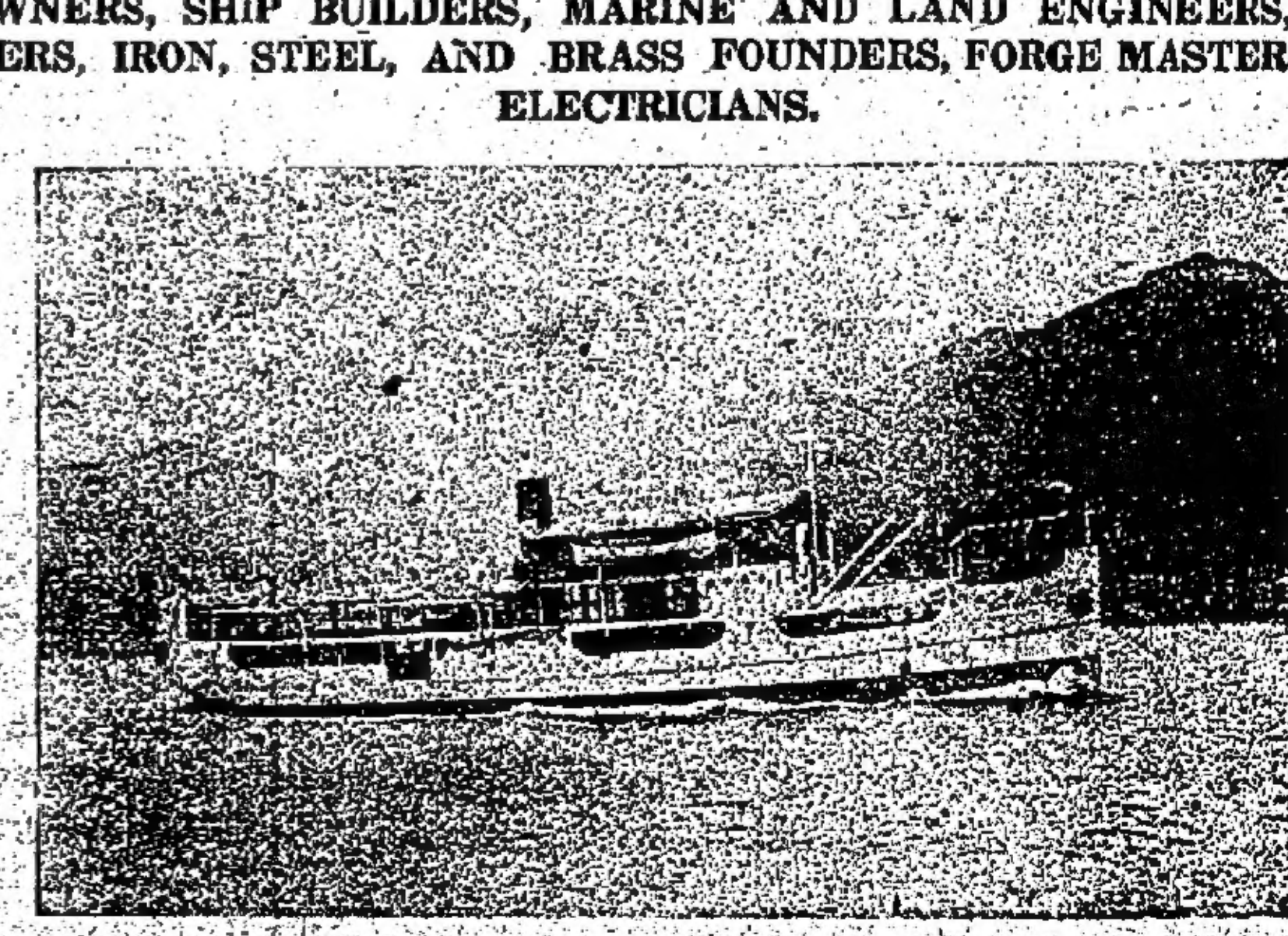
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CORRESPONDENCE.

RACING IN CANTON

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I had thought that the recent report of the regulations drawn up by the Canton Municipality, as appeared in the "Canton Gazette" of the 13th inst., governing the construction of a race track in Canton would have evoked an avalanche of pointed criticism from the army of followers of the Sport of King, but in the absence of any comment in the Press—I do not remember having seen any—I can only presume that the race enthusiasts here do not consider the fantastic ideas of our Canton friends too absurd to write about.

However, in the interests of the sport of horse racing I think race followers should commit their thoughts and opinions to paper in an endeavour to assist our friends up the river to form their race track and avoid the many pitfalls that await the green-horn, for I do not believe there are very many in Canton really keenly interested in horse racing, and hardly one in official circles who has even the haziest of ideas as to how a race track should be organised and maintained.

In the first place I think the authorities responsible for the framing of those regulations must have lost sight of the fact that horse racing is in no respect similar to the usual forms of gambling. On reading the rules that were published I gained the impression that this matter was treated much the same as the Fentan gambling monopoly, judging from the many really childish restrictions that it is sought to impose. To enable the sport to be developed to its fullest extent it must not be hedged around or tied down with irksome conditions. Our friends in Canton should understand that the expression "Sport of Kings" could not have been coined without some solid basis.

Promoters and officials of race clubs the world over are men prominent in their respective communities, men of good standing and repute, of impeccable character. In Hong Kong itself the list of stewards of the Jockey Club include the names of many of the leaders of Hong Kong's society, and the name of Hong Kong's Governor also appears in the race book.

One of the regulations stipulate that "in holding sweeps on the races, 80 per cent. of the gross proceeds from the sale of tickets is to be returned as prizes, 10 per cent. to be paid to the Government." This leaves 10 per cent. only with which to defray all expenses for the upkeep of the track and the organisation of the races. Anybody who has any inkling at all of how race tracks are run will know just how ridiculous this regulation appears. It is a physical impossibility to run a track on 10 per cent. only of the proceeds. But this is not all. I understand that in Canton there are many sorts of taxes which one has to pay, such as Amusement Tax, a Stamp Tax on tickets sold, and various sorts of surtaxes, etc. I doubt whether even a financial wizard would be able to make a track cover expenses under this proviso, and so long as this rule stands a race track will never materialise in Canton.

It is a universal practice the world over in race tracks to deduct at least 20 per cent. for the upkeep of the course. There need be no fear that the promoters of the race track will become millionaires if given this percentage. The expenses are really enormous, and it requires the keenest management on business lines to enable a race track to carry on even with this percentage. The return to the Government is assured in any case, but why create an unnecessary difficulty for the promoters of the race track, who, in embarking on such a project, are but catering for the needs of public recreation and contributing to the progress of reconstruction in the country.

Another article declares that races are to be held four times a year. This is, indeed, the height of absurdity. What is the idea of having an expensive race track maintained to be used only four times a year? I am afraid the Canton Municipality have made themselves the laughing stock of foreigners by this crude display of ignorance, and the best thing they can do is to pay a visit to Hong Kong or Shanghai and gain some insight into the workings of the race clubs in these two ports.

"The franchise for the race course is to be for a period of 10 years. At the end of the ten years the course and all fixtures thereon are to revert to the possession of the municipal Government." The Hong Kong Jockey Club enjoys a very long lease on the land given to its use by the Government. But let us take a more recent case. The International Race and Recreation Club of Macao. The Club was given a franchise for 30 years,

and also the option to renew, with a single payment of H.K.\$6,000, plus a very reasonable percentage on the returns at the meetings. Now consider the Macao Government's end of the stick. The land on which the track is formed is part of the huge reclamation scheme. It is computed that the particular area used for the race course must have cost the Government not less than half a million dollars to reclaim. The return on this capital outlay is, as just mentioned, a payment of H.K.\$6,000 and the percentage on the race meetings. There are no restrictions on the number of meetings that may be held, and there are no regulations that in any way interfere with the management or conduct of the course.

Hankow boasts of the oldest Chinese race club in China. It has been in existence for about 30 years, and is still a very popular attraction. The Hankow International and foreign race courses are also in Chinese territory, but there is no undue interference in their operations.

Shanghai has more than three race courses, two of which are run by Chinese, and situated in Chinese territory. These tracks are also in a very healthy condition, and the frequent meetings are great attractions to the public. Here, again, there are no irksome restrictions imposed by the local authorities.

A word or two of advice to Canton would not be out of place. Avoid interference and meddling with business undertakings or any enterprise of a public character, and progress will ensue. Impose restrictions, and all forms of advancement will be throttled. Interference—sometimes met with under the guise of "super-vision"—is a great menace that all too often kills development of public commercial and industrial enterprises as well as reconstruction work, and if the authorities are sincerely desirous of seeing their country advance to the front rank of nations, then given private enterprise free play, with just sufficient safeguards to ensure the absence of crooked deals. There is a Chinese saying which runs "Spare the cow her life and she will give you much milk."

Canton, although the birthplace of the great Kuomintang party that has successfully engineered the conclusion of the revolution, seems to be always backward and behind other provinces of China in the work of reconstruction. I do not say that reconstruction is not in evidence, but I do say that progress is not made to such an extent as one feels should be the case. This state of affairs, in my humble opinion, is due to nothing but the childish restrictive measures and narrow-mindedness that has been exhibited on so many occasions during recent times, and (I fear, the present regime seems just as susceptible to these faults and errors as its predecessors.

One ray of brightness emerges from the gloom, and that is His Excellency General Chan Ming-shu is at the head of affairs in Canton, though at the present moment he is hors-de-combat from recent injuries. He enjoys great popularity for his clarity of thought and modern principles, and it would appear, then, that when he returns to active work, the present stagnation may vanish before the driving force of his progressive ideas.

It seems pertinent to mention that the writer is a keen sportsman, and a member of both the Shanghai and Hankow Chinese Jockey Clubs. The opinions and criticisms expressed herein are actuated by a genuine desire to see Canton and Kwong Tung progress, and I trust these views will be accepted in the right spirit by the Canton Municipality.

Yours etc.,

T. C. Tong.

April 21.

DRY MARTINI

SPARKLING COMEDY ON THE SCREEN

TO-DAY AT THE QUEEN'S

"Dry Martini," a sparkling comedy of "Gay Paree," will be shown to-day and to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre.

It tells of a wealthy, middle-aged American, who exiles himself in Paris for eight years, has his affairs, is the best patron of the cocktail bar at the Ritz, and lives care-free from all domestic entanglements until his twenty-year-old daughter arrives for a visit. The girl, played by Mary Astor, wants to see Paris and have great adventures, and does only in a way she did not expect. The father gets involved in one mess after another and in the end, as usual, the clouds disappear and the sun shines through with the daughter going back home happily married to the man she reforms, and the father back to his "Dry Martini."

Mary Astor, Matt Moore and Albert Gran are the principal players.

APRIL SESSIONS

ROBBERY CASE: OLD LADY'S DEATH

LAST TRIAL TO-MORROW

The second last case in the April Criminal Sessions came before his Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) and a jury at the Supreme Court this morning. The last case, concerning the alleged forgery of papers of a steam-launch, will be heard to-morrow, for which day his Lordship has fixed the passing of sentences deferred.

There were three men and a woman in the case of robbery to-day (with other charges). It will be recalled that an old lady, Wong Leung Shi, one of the complainants (at Castle-road on Jan. 31), died subsequent to the affair.

One of the men, Ho San, pleaded "guilty" and sentence was deferred. Mr. Hin-shing Lo (instructed by Messrs. Lyson and Hall) is defending Cheung Fat-to. The woman (Wong Hoi) and Chung San were not legally represented.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Assistant Attorney-General) is prosecuting and Det. Inspector W. Shannon is in charge of the case.

Jury Disagree
By a verdict of six to one a jury yesterday convicted Li Kui of robbery at No. 78, High-street, on Feb. 7. Mak Kwai and Au Wun were convicted by a unanimous verdict. The last-named was defended by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Messrs. d'Almeida and Mason). Mr. Somerset Fitzroy also prosecuted in this case.

His Lordship, as in earlier cases this month, deferred sentence until to-morrow.

STOLEN BLANKETS

THEFT AT MILITARY MARRIED QUARTERS

A SMART DETECTIVE

Before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy, a Chinese was charged this morning with the theft of three blankets from the Military Married Quarters at Kennedy-road, the property of Q.M. Sergt. Grossman.

Two other Chinese were also charged with receiving stolen goods.

A Chinese detective, who saw one of the men with a blanket in the street, was instrumental in bringing the trio to book. He asked him how he came by the blanket, and when no satisfactory explanation was forthcoming, he followed the case up. The result was that he traced two similar blankets in a pawnshop; from the pawnshop, he followed the scent which led him to the actual thief, and thence to the owner.

His Worship congratulated the detective on his smart work, saying that the blanket was lost only yesterday and this morning the culprits were in Court.

The man who stole the blanket was also indicted on a charge of returning from banishment before the expiry of his term. He was given nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch for this charge, and for stealing the blanket he got an additional two months' hard labour. The two men charged with receiving stolen property were each sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

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A season of grand opera of unusually high standard will commence to-morrow at 9.15 p.m., when Signor Carpi's Italian Grand Opera Company will appear at the Star Theatre.

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Among the principals, the leading soloists include Signoras J. Ferrara (lyric soprano), M. Ersanilla (coloratura soprano), T. Agazzino (mezzo soprano), and Signors Frera (dramatic tenor), Adalberto Gioranone (dramatic tenor), and Antenor Reali (baritone). The opening piece will be "Il Trovatore," and will be followed by such other famous operas as "La Traviata," "Madame Butterfly," "La Tosca," "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "The Barber of Seville."

Seats may be booked in advance for any night of the season at either Moutrie's or the Star Theatre.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the following Traffic arrangements which will be enforced during the landing of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester on THURSDAY, the 25th inst. and the reception on the H.K. Cricket Club Ground on the 26th inst.

1.—Connaught Road Central from Pedder Street to Jackson Road will be entirely closed from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Vehicular traffic will proceed via Des Voeux Road Central.

2.—Queen's Road Central from Garden Road to Ice House Street will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic (except tram cars) from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. West bound traffic will be diverted by way of Murray and Chater Roads. East bound traffic from Queen's Road Central by way of Pedder Street, Chater Road and Murray Road.

3.—No motor cars will be permitted to park in City Hall Square, Statue Square, Wardley Street and Chater Road from Statue Square to Murray Road between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

4.—Guests invited to attend at Queen's Pier on 25.4.29 will proceed by way of Murray Road and Connaught Road Central to the Hong Kong Club where they will alight and walk to the pier. Cars to be parked in Connaught Road Central east of the Hong Kong Club.

At the conclusion of the reception on the pier, the guests will walk to the City Hall by way of Statue Square and Wardley Street. At 11.30 a.m. the cars parked in Connaught Road Central east of H.K. Club may be allowed to proceed to Wardley Street and Statue Square.

5.—No bus traffic will be permitted west of Garden Road between 10.45 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

6.—Traffic proceeding to and from the Upper Levels between 10.30 and 12.30 will be diverted by way of Ice House Street, Lower Albert Road, Wyndham Street and Arbuthnot Road and Vice Versa.

7.—Wardley Street between Queen's Road Central and Des Voeux Road Central will be entirely closed to traffic between 10.30 and 12.30 hours, except for parking as in Para. 4.

8.—Kennedy Road will be entirely closed to vehicular traffic from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, 26th inst.

Reception at the Hong Kong Cricket Ground.

1.—Guests arriving from the west of Jackson Road will enter the Cricket Ground by the gate in Queen's Road Central. Guests arriving from Garden Road and from east of Murray Road will enter by the gate in Murray Road.

2.—Exit will be by gates in Queen's Road Central and Murray Road. Cars will not be allowed to approach the gate in Queen's Road Central to pick up owners or passengers.

3.—Cars will be parked in Chater Road, Jackson Road outside Hong Kong Club, and Connaught Road near the V.R.C.

4.—Connaught Road Central east of Star Ferry and Chater Road east of Queen's Statue will be closed to vehicular traffic between 3.30 and 5 p.m. Traffic will proceed via Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central.

T. H. KING,
Ag. Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1929.

OLYMPIA

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Olympia has been sold by the firm Olympia, Limited, to Mr. Philip E. Hill, chairman of the Covent Garden Properties Company and a director of several firms of chemists and makers of proprietary medicines. The price has not been disclosed. The new owner was to take possession on March 25, and work on the extensions to the hall, which have been in prospect for some time, was to be started immediately afterwards.

The plans for the extensions are not quite complete, but it is understood that there will be no important structural alterations and that the additions will be in keeping with the existing buildings. A large area of property on the West Kensington Gardens side will be cleared for the extensions, and the superficial space of the hall may be increased by as much as half.

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THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th April, 1929, at 5.15 p.m.

JACK BUCHANAN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1929.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD AND MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA. HONG KONG BRANCH.

A COMBINED MEETING will be held at the Guilds' Offices 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (entrance in Pottinger Street) on THURSDAY, 25th April, 1929, at 5.30 p.m. at which all Members of both Guilds are urgently requested to be present.

BUSINESS: PROVIDENT FUND.
T. T. LAURENSEN,
W. J. STOKES,
Branch Secretaries.
Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1929.

THE VICKERS REPORT

The report of Vickers, Limited, the world famous British firm of Shipbuilders, Armament and Steel makers, for the year 1928 shows a further strengthening of an already strong financial position. In cash and Government securities it holds no less than \$5,415,665, an increase of over \$2,000,000 compared with 1927. The floating assets amount to \$8,761,378, out of an aggregate total in the balance-sheet of \$21,268,040. Fixed Assets amount to \$12,506,662. This includes a conservative valuation of the company's large share interests in various subsidiaries. For instance, Preference and Ordinary shares of a nominal value of \$11,999,380 in Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, which operates the shipbuilding, armament, and special steel businesses of the combined undertakings, are valued in the balance-sheet at only \$6,189,355. Preference and Ordinary shares to the par value of \$3,251,150 in the Metropolitan-Carmell Carriage, Wagon, and Finance Company, which is the operating company for the railway carriage and wagon business, have a book value of \$2,721,818. Shares in other subsidiary companies are entered in the balance-sheet at \$3,595,493. As against liquid assets of \$8,761,378, the current liabilities amount to only \$4,263,954. Last year's trading profit was \$1,249,214; the net profit is \$993,903, against \$992,985 in 1927. After placing £250,000—against £238,211—to reserve, a dividend of 8 per cent. is again paid on the Ordinary Shares, and the sum carried forward is raised from £208,772 to £217,704.

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WATER CRISIS

POSITION ON THE ISLAND SERIOUS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

From the Director of Public Works it is learned that the total storage in the island reservoirs on April 23 amounted to 362.38 million gallons, showing a decrease of 30.71 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption was 37.56 million gallons and included 2.10 million gallons brought across the harbour from Kowloon to the tanks on the water front and 1.33 million gallons from the Tai Koo reservoirs. On the mainland the Shing Mun River continues to yield nearly a million gallons daily.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on April 22 amounted to 136.81 million gallons showing a decrease of 23.20 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption, including supplies to water boats and Hong Kong, totalled 30.76 million gallons.

THOUSANDS HUNGRY

MOBS SCRAMBLE ON QUAY FOR BREAD

THROWN FROM U.S. SHIP

Information from Vladivostok, which reached Shanghai by roundabout channels, is to the effect that literally thousands of persons are starving in this seaport. What conditions in the hinterland are beyond conjecture.

A non-Russian, who managed to escape from Vladivostok and ultimately reached Harbin, wrote to a friend in Shanghai of an incident which he witnessed while in the north. An American ship captain had bought 700 loaves of bread and offered chervonets in payment, but the authorities demanded American gold. Which currency finally was used is not related.

However, as the ship had thrown off its ropes and was slowly moving from the wharf, sailors took this bread and threw it on the quay. There was a frenzied scramble among hundreds of dock employees and hangers-on to get as much as a loaf. They fought each other and tore their comrades' clothes off in their mad desire for food.

A few of the loaves fell into the water and part of the mob jumped into the sea to retrieve them.

All the time someone on the bridge operated a cinema camera, while one who could speak Russian, shouted to officials, who had made no move during the disturbance, that inasmuch as Russia had sent reams of propaganda to America, they would take a true picture of conditions and show it to the American public.

As the ship drew away the mob still scrambled for the bread, says the "N. C. Daily News."

A LAND TRANSFER

CHINESE OBJECTIONS TO FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

Harbin, April 1.

The question of foreigners who enjoy extraterritoriality owing land in Harbin still is hanging fire. The Chinese Land Administration refuses to register the transfer of any land or property hitherto held by Russians and sold to foreigners. The Consular Body have strongly protested against such a precedent pointing out that Harbin is a treaty port just the same as other open ports in China, and, therefore, their nationals have the right to become land and property owners.

The step taken by the Chinese was on account of so many Russians, formerly well-to-do, and having land and buildings, finding it necessary to part with them, and, as foreigners, especially Japanese, offer better prices than the Chinese, they prefer to sell to the former. The authorities, on the other hand, insist that only Chinese can become new owners. This is a most important question, and, if the Chinese want foreign capital to be invested in Manchuria, they should lose no time in changing this absurd regulation.—"N. C. Daily News."

The Shanghai Zionist Association is in receipt of a cablegram from Sir Manasseh Mayer, K.B.E., of Singapore, according to which Dr. and Mrs. Ariel Bension have sailed for Shanghai and that they raised \$5,000 during their stay in Singapore for the Palestine Foundation Fund. Dr. Bension is travelling as a representative of Kerem Hayesod and Kerem Kayemeth 1 Yisrael. Mrs. Bension is accompanying her husband in an unofficial capacity and doing useful work in organizing branches of the Women's International Zionist Organization. Mrs. Bension is a gifted speaker and a noted publicist, having edited for a number of years the "Canadian Jewish Chronicle."

MONEY AND SHARES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—

Bank wire 1/11 1/2

Bank on demand 1/11 9/16

Bank, 30 days' sight

Bank, 4 months' sight 1/11 3/4

Credits, 4 months' sight 2/- 1/2

Documentary 4 months' sight 2/- 1/2

On Paris—

On demand 1217 1/2

Credits, 4 months' sight 1292 1/2

On Berlin—

On New York—

On demand 47 1/2

Credits, 60 days' sight 49 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire 131

On demand 131

On Calcutta—

Wire 131

On demand 131

On Singapore—

On demand 84 1/2

On Manila—

On demand 95 1/2

On Shanghai—

On demand 78 1/2

80 days' sight (private paper)

On Yokohama—

On demand 105 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per taal)

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 9.85

Silver (per oz.) 25 11/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong 3% Prem.

Copper Cash Nominal

Chinese Copper Cents 6% Prem.

Rate of Native Interest 7% p.a.

Chinese Sub. Coin 33 1/2% dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris 124.20

New York 4.85 9/32

Brussels 34.95

Geneva 25.21

Amsterdam 12.08 1/4

Milan 92.70

Berlin 20.47

Stockholm 18.165

Copenhagen 18.21

Oslø 18.20

Vienna 34.56

Prague 163 1/2

Helsingfors 192 1/2

Madrid 33.175

Lisbon 108 1/2

Athens 375

Bucharest 818

Rio 5 1/2

Buenos Aires 47 5/16

Bombay 1/5 29/32

Shanghai 2/5 3/4

Hong Kong 1/11 1/2

Yokohama 1/10 5/82

Silver Spot & Forward 25 11/16

—British Wireless Service.

SINCLAIR'S FIGHT

APPLICATION FOR RE- HEARING OF CASE

Washington, April 17.

Mr. Harry F. Sinclair, multi-millionaire petroleum producer sentenced to gaol for contempt because of his refusal to testify before the Senate Committee investigating the oil scandals during Harding Administration, filed a request to-day with the Supreme Court of the United States for a re-hearing of this case.

Sinclair's lawyers alleged technical errors in procedure following the action of the Supreme Court early this month in upholding the gaol sentence imposed on the oil magnate by the lower courts.—United Press.

News has been received in Japan

of the death of Mr. Otis A. Poole, who passed away suddenly on April 1, at the age of 80, at Berkeley, California. Mr. Poole first came to the Far East with Messrs. E. A. Shoyer & Co., with whom he was connected for two years in Amoy, later going to Yokohama in 1888 with Messrs. Smith, Barker & Co.

At the time the tea merchants of Japan moved to Shidzuoka in 1909 Mr. Poole went with them and engaged in the trade as an independent buyer and shipper. Mr. Poole was well-known for his large library at Shidzuoka, the enjoyment of which he generously shared with his friends there. He retired from active business in 1926 and went to live in Berkeley, California, where he remained up to the time of his death. He is survived by two sons, Mr. H. A. Poole of Yokohama; and Mr. O. M. Poole, of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., new in New York; and a daughter, Mrs. N. G. Maltland, at present in London. Mr. Otis A. Poole was born at Beloit, Wisconsin.

The Chief Secretary and Lady Peel left Kuala Lumpur for Kelantan last week. They will be away about a week.

The Bishop of Singapore was due in Ipoh recently as the guest of Colonel and Mrs. Rice. He is going to Telipoy.

T.T. on London 1/11 1/2

T.T. on Shanghai 79 1/2

Banks

H.K. Bank \$1280 s

H.K. London Reg. \$132 1/2 n

Chartered Bank \$19 1/2 b

Mercantile A. & B. \$33 n

Mercantile C. \$15 1/2 n

P. & O. Bank \$23 1/2 n

Bank of East Asia \$90 1/2 n

Insurances

Canton Insurance \$695 b

Union Insurance \$378 s 376 sa

North China Insurance \$160 b

Yangtze Insurance \$580 n

China Underwriters \$220 s & sa

China Fire Insurance \$290 b

H.K. Fire Insurance \$765 b

Shipping

Douglases \$36 s

H.K. Steamboats \$23 1/2 b 24 1/2 sa

H.K. Tugs & Lighters \$240 n

Indo-China (Pref.) \$45 b

Indo-China (Def.) \$70 n

Shell Transports \$98/- n

Shell Transports (new) \$22 n

Union Water-boats \$22 n

Mining

Benguets \$2 1/2 b

Kailan Mining Ad. \$6/- n

Langkats (comb.) \$14 n

Langkats (singles) \$17 1/2 n

Shanghai Explorations \$2.90 s

Shanghai Loans \$14 1/2 n

Raub's \$3.65 n

Tronoh Mines \$17/6 n

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

H.K. & K. Wharves \$123 b

H.K. & W. Docks \$36 s

China Providents \$4.10 b

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Hongkows \$178 b

New Engineerings \$16.50 b

Shanghai Docks \$127 n

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons \$12 1/2 s

Oriental Cottons \$195 b

Shanghai Cottons (old) \$72 s

Shanghai Cottons (new) \$73 n

Land, Hotels & Buildings

H.K. & S. Hotels \$370 b

H.K. Lands \$61 1/2/61 1/2 sa

Shanghai Lands \$143 n

Humphreys' Estates \$14.35 n

H.K. Realities \$8.35 n

H.K. Territorials \$8.35 n

Prince's Buildings \$8.35 n

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways \$18 b & sa 18.50 s

Peak Trams (old) \$12 1/2 b

Peak Trams (new) \$6.30 n

Star Ferries \$67 1/2 n

China Lights (comb.) \$11/5 n

China Lights (old) \$13.85 b

China Lights (new) \$13.45 s & sa

China Lights 1928 issue \$55 1/2 b

H.K. Electrics (old) \$55 1/2/3/4 sa

H.K. Electrics (new) \$26 1/2 n

Macao Electrics \$26 1/2 n

H.K. Telephones \$13 b

China Buses \$13 b

Singapore Tractions \$11/5 n

Singapore Pref. \$16/6 b

Sandakan Ltd. \$2 1/2 s

Industrials

China Sugars \$1 n

Malabon Sugars \$27 b

Canton Ices \$1 1/4 b 1.90 s

Cements (comb.) \$3 1/2 b 8.60 s

Cements (old) \$7.80 n

Cements (new) \$1.40 b

H.K. Ropes (old) \$7 s

H.K. Ropes (new) \$4 b

United Asbestos \$4 b

Stores, &c.

Dairy Farms \$19 1/2 s

Watsons \$13.20 n

Der A. Wings \$80 ets. b

Lane, Crawfords \$2 s

Mackintoshes \$18 b

Sinclair's \$12 b

Wm. Powells \$3.55 n

Miscellaneous

H.K. Amusements \$29 b

Hong Kong Constructions \$1 1/4 s

B. Ind. G.S. Bond \$66 1/2% n

H.K. Govt. Loans 7 1/2% b Prem.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS

PARKING AT THE STAR FERRY WHARF

AN OBSTRUCTION

Traffic Court was held yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistracy, by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, (Police Magistrate).

Mr. H. A. Gregory was fined \$3 for leaving his motor-cycle outside the Star Ferry Wharf in such a manner as to cause an obstruction.

A similar fine was imposed on Mr. G. W. Gunn, who, in replying to the charge, said that there was no conspicuous notice outside the Ferry wharf.

His Worship pointed out to accused that as a matter of fact motorists had no right to park their machines there. It was only a concession on the part of the Police, and therefore it was up to drivers to make sure what the limitations were.

For failing to report an accident, the driver of a public motor car was fined \$10. Several drivers of motor lorries were fined \$1 each for not having a rear mirror.

The driver of a motor car who had left his vehicle at Sai Wan Ho for two nights was fined \$5 for causing obstruction.

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Sport Columns

GOLF

ENGLISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

COUNTY RESULTS

London, Yesterday.
The English Amateur Golf Championship meeting opened at Gosforth Park, Newcastle, with a stroke-play competition over 36 holes for team honours, four players representing each county.

Twelve counties competed.
Result:
Lancashire 631
Yorkshire 634
Cheshire 636
Warwickshire (holders) 637
Durham 648
Surrey 649

The amateur record for the course was twice broken—firstly, by T. Perkins (Warwickshire) who went round in the morning in 70; and secondly, by G. Henriques (Lancashire) with 69 late in the day.

Professional's Feat
A. L. Espinosa, one of the members of the American Ryder Cup team, went round Moorlown course, Leeds, where the Ryder Cup will be played on April 26, in 66—a record for the course.

He also secured the distinction of being the first leading American professional to achieve the hole in one stroke—this was done at the sixth hole, measuring 224 yards.

Challenge Matches
Arrangements have been completed for golf challenge matches between Walter Hagen and Archie Compston—first at Moor Park, Rickmansworth, on May 31; and second at Blackwell, Birmingham, on June 1.

Should each win once a third game will probably be arranged.—Reuter.

MR. T. L. WONG

POPULAR LOCAL JOCKEY LEAVING

Mr. T. L. Wong, a popular local jockey, who had piloted many winners, left for Shanghai this morning by the "President Madison".

A farewell dinner was held in his honour last night at the Sports Club, and tributes were paid to him by Mr. H. H. Priestley and other racing enthusiasts.

Tennis Star



Here is Miss C. Aussem, German tennis star, ready to hand out the balls for the international tennis tournament at Denton, for the Cup of Nations.

A KNIGHTHOOD

FOR MR. FREDERICK CHARLES TOONE

M.C.C.'S MANAGER

London, Yesterday.
A knighthood has been conferred on Mr. Frederick Charles Toone, the manager of Marylebone's test team on the recent Australian tour.—Reuter.

[The new knight, who was born at Leicester in 1868, is the well-known secretary of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, a post he has occupied since 1903. He was manager of the English cricket teams to Australia 1920-21, 1924-25, and 1928-29. He played rugby football for Leicester, won the 100 Amateur Championship of Leicestershire 1908 and 1899; officiated as handicapper of the A.A.A. and N.C.U., and has captained several cricket and football teams. Sir Frederick has also published the Yorkshire Cricket Club Annual Book.]

LAWN TENNIS

FULL LIST OF MIXED DOUBLES FIXTURES

COMMENCING IN JUNE

Six teams have entered the Lawn tennis mixed doubles League, which commences in June. The teams are the Ladies' Recreation Club, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Club de Recreo, Hong Kong University Union, Kowloon C.C. and the Chinese R.C. The home matches of the Ladies' Recreation Club will be played on the Chinese R.C. ground at Causeway Bay.

The following is a full list of League fixtures:

June 5

L.R.C. v. K.B.G.C.
C. de R. v. H.K.U.U.
K.C.C. v. C.R.C.

June 12

C.R.C. v. L.R.C.
K.B.G.C. v. H.K.U.U.
C. de R. v. K.C.C.

June 19

L.R.C. v. K.C.C.
K.B.G.C. v. C. de R.
H.K.U.U. v. C.R.C.

June 26

C. de R. v. L.R.C.
C.R.C. v. K.B.G.C.
K.C.C. v. H.K.U.U.

July 3

H.K.U.U. v. L.R.C.
K.B.G.C. v. K.C.C.
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LAWN BOWLS

SHANGHAI'S DEFEAT OF HONG KONG RINK

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club was held last Thursday and resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mr. F. Fletcher; Vice-Pres., Mr. F. Large, Captain, Mr. James Munro, secretary, Mr. T. W. Mitchell; and treasurer Mr. A. Kendal Ward.

In the course of his speech the outgoing President, Mr. W. A. Turnbull, said:

Shanghai was favoured last year with a visit from the Hong Kong Interport team who successfully defeated the team selected by our Association to represent Shanghai in the Interport Match in the last end. Although the team which met our Club in the usual match played by the visiting interport team was not composed entirely of the same players who played in the interport match, still I think it is a matter for congratulation that we came out victors in the match with them by the remarkable score of 35 to 8.

HOME FOOTBALL

SURPRISE FOR QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS

DUNDEE GAIN POINT

London, Yesterday.
Four matches in the various Leagues were played to-day, but those in the First and Second Divisions of the English League were unimportant.

In the Southern Section of the Third Division the leaders, Queen's Park Rangers, were beaten by three goals to one by Norwich, to whom the two points will be most valuable. Dundee could only draw at Parsley with St. Mirren and get out of the relegation wood. Thus Third Lanark and Raith Rovers will go down to the Second Division next season.

Results:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division
Arsenal 2, Everton 0.

Second Division
Hull 4, Millwall 0.

Third Division (South)
Norwich 3, Queen's Park Rangers 1.

Scottish League
St. Mirren 2, Dundee 2.

LEAGUE TABLES

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wednesday	40	21	9	10	84	57	51
Aston Villa	40	22	4	14	94	18	48
Leicester	40	20	8	12	89	65	48
Sunderland	40	19	7	14	89	70	45
Derby	40	18	9	13	82	65	45
Liverpool	40	17	10	13	88	61	45
Arsenal	39	15	12	12	75	66	42
Manchester C.	40	17	8	15	91	61	41
Blackburn	39	16	9	14	69	61	41
Leeds	38	15	8	14	68	78	40
Newcastle	40	13	9	18	66	71	40
Everton	41	13	4	19	62	69	40
West Ham	40	15	8	17	84	91	38
Manchester U.	40	13	12	15	62	74	38
Bolton	39	13	11	15	68	69	37
Sheffield U.	40	13	11	16	79	82	37
Birmingham	40	13	10	17	66	82	37
Huddersfield	39	13	9	17	66	58	35
Burnley	39	15	5	19	76	98	35
Portsmouth	40	15	5	20	54	77	35
Bury	39	12	6	21	54	89	30
Cardiff	41	8	11	21	42	58	28

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Grimsby	39	23	5	11	79	57	51
Middlesbrough	40	20	11	9	88	57	51
Nottingham	41	19	9	13	78	60	47
Southampton	40	16	14	10	78	67	46
Bradford	39	20	4	15	84	68	44
West Brom.	40	18	8	14	77	76	44
Stoke	40	16	11	13	67	49	43
Chelsea	41	16	10	15	62	64	43
Blackpool	40	18	6	16	85	73	42
Tottenham	40	16	8	16	71	79	40
Millwall	40	16	7	17	71	81	39
Nottingham F.C.	40	13	12	15	67	69	38
Preston N.E.	40	15	8	17	74	73	38
Hull	40	12	14	14	57	62	28
Wolves	40	15	7	18	70	74	37
Reading	40	13	9	18	68	82	37
Bristol C.	40	13	10	17	68	66	36
Swansea	40	13	10	17	62	71	36
Oldham	40	15	5	20	69	71	35
Barnsley	40	14	6	20	63	65	34
Port Vale	40	14	4	22	68	83	32
Clapton O.	40	11	8	21	41	68	30

Division III. (South)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Queen's P.R.	40	19	12	9	81	60	50
Northampton	40	18	11	10	79	60	49
Crystal Pal.	38	20	8	10	75	64	48
Luton	39	19	10	10	86	67	48
Charlton	39	20	8	11	81	60	48
Fulham	40	19	10	11	97	70	48
Watford	39	18	9	12	78	66	46
Plymouth	39	17	12	10	77	61	46
Bournemouth	39	17	9	13	77	72	46
Southend	40	15	10	15	78	72	40
Coventry	40	14	12	14	61	66	40
Brentford	39	14	10	15	58	66	38
Walsall	39	13	12	14	71	73	38
Swindon	39	13	11	14	66	68	37
Newport	39	13	8	18	64	77	34
Brighton	39	14	6	19	54	73	34
Bristol R.	39	13	6	20	58	73	32
Torquay	38	12	5	21	61	78	29
Exeter	40	9	11	20	66	84	29
Mertsey	40	10	4	22	62	102	28
Norwich	39	12	5	22	58	75	29
Gillingham	38	9	8	21	59	76	26

Scottish League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	35	29	5	1	102	30	63
Motherwell	37	19	8	9	79	60	48
Celtic	36	22	7	7	93	44	47
Hearts	37	19	8	10	90	56	46
Queen's Park	38	17	6	13	94	67	40
St. Mirren	38	16	8	12	76	69	40
Aberdeen	37	16	8	13	80	65	40
Partick	36	16	6	14	85	67	38
St. Johnstone	37	13	10	14	65	69	30
Kilmarnock	35	14	7	14	77	68	36
Falkirk	36	13	7	16	65	84	32
Hamilton	36	12	8	16	55	77	32
Hibernians	37	12	6	18	63	80	32
Airdrie	37	12	7	18	56	63	31
Clyde	37	12	6	19	45	68	30
Cowdenbeath	36	12	5	19	49	67	29
Dundee	37	9	11	17	59	65	29
Ayr	35	11	6	18	63	78	28
Third Lanark	37	10	6	21	69	97	26
Raith R.	37	9	4	23	60	103	22

LOCAL FOOTBALL

R.A. DEFEAT CLUB DE RECREIO

SERVICES' SEMI-FINAL

There were two football matches yesterday, one in the senior League and the other in the United Services junior competition. Results at a glance:

League—Division I.
R.A. 2 Recreio 1
United Services—Junior Semi-final
R.A. 1 K.O.S.B. 0
Recreio v. R.A.

With hardly a representative team, the Club de Recreio were defeated by the Royal Artillery at King's Park by two goals to one.

The game commenced late and time had to be cut in each half to allow the game to be finished. Play was even at the commencement with the Gunners having, if anything, the best of exchanges. Leach gave the soldiers the lead following a corner against the Recreio, but Santos equalised shortly before the interval.

On resuming, the Recreio attacked strongly, and the Gunners were lucky in keeping their goal intact. Chances to give them the lead were missed by the Recreio forwards, whereas Gill (R.A.) seized a good opportunity and gave his side the lead, which they kept to emerge winners in a keenly contested game.

R.A. v. K.O.S.B.

The King's Own Scottish Borderers' second string were taken by surprise by the Royal Artillery in the semi-final of the United Services Junior Shield when they were defeated by one goal to nil. The game was well contested. The R.A. defence had a day out and were successful in defending their goal in the face of all the K.O.S.B. forwards could do. In the second period Watson scored for the Royal Artillery, and although the K.O.S.B. eleven played hard for the equaliser, they failed.

LEAGUE TABLE

Senior Division Positions Up To Date

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Somersets	20	13	4	3	53	17	20
Athletic	19	12	4	3	41	22	28
South China	20	12	2	6	36	25	26
K.O.S.B.	20	11	3	6	48	25	25
Police	20	10	3	7	26	22	23
Royal Navy	19	10	1	8	42	27	21
Kowloon	20	7	6	7	20	27	20
R.A.	20	7	0	13	24	42	14
Recreio	18	5	3	10	42	43	13
H.K.P.C.	18	4	4	10	22	40	12
Small Units	20	1	0	19	14	76	2

EASTERN DEFEATED

KEEN CONTEST AT MACAO ON SUNDAY

During the week-end, members of the Eastern Athletic Association were guests of the Sociedade Uniao Recreativa of Macao. On Sunday a football match was played. Play was fast, neither side in the first half being able to penetrate sound defences. Resuming, the play continued of interest and on many occasions both sides came near scoring. However, in the last eight minutes of the play, the Macao team became aggressive, and with splendid combination, Guerreiro beat the Hong Kong defence twice at close range, thus giving Macao the victory by two goals to nil.

RIDING SCHOOL

NEW VENTURE BY THE SPORTS CLUB

It is understood that the Sports Club has made arrangements to conduct a riding school. A series of riding lessons will be given from the novice class to the advanced stage. The class is open to all members of the Club. No fees will be charged, but all intending pupils will have to provide their own mounts.

Mr. A. J. P. Heard has consented to act as riding master and Mr. Fiddes Wilson as manager of the school. Mr. "Eve" has also kindly donated a Cup to the pupils who has, in the opinion of both the master and the manager, made the best progress at the end of the term.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

World Girdlers at White House



Here's a couple of globe walkers, who have already covered 9,000 miles of their 30,000 mile trip. They are Zundel (left) and Nathan Rubin of Lithuania, making a call at the White House to pay their respects to President Hoover.

"Heroine" of Juarez



Mrs. Harry Mitchell, an American resident of Juarez, made a name for herself during the recent skirmish between Federals and rebels by serving steaming hot coffee to the American newspaper correspondents who were covering the revolution while her home was under fire.

Gems Worth \$250,000



Purser Roger A. Raulin (below) of the s.s. "Paris" will return to Ganna Walska, this package containing her \$250,000 gems which Customs officials seized when the diva arrived in America several months ago. The jewels were impounded pending decision whether their owner is an American citizen and should pay duty on them. Mme. Walska, shown above with her husband, Harold McCormick, is sailing on the "Paris" for her permanent home in France and when the liner is at sea the purser will hand the package over to her.

In Charge of Kuomintang Affairs.



A group of members of the Central Executive Committee of the Nationalist Party elected at the Third Plenary Congress. This photograph was taken at Nanking on the occasion of the formal inauguration of the members, many of whom are leading Government and Kuomintang officials.—(C. H. Wong Studio).

Legation Liquor Seized



This five-ton truck loaded with choice and rare liquors was allowed to deliver its precious cargo to the Siamese legation at Washington, but the driver and a member of the Legation staff are being held in \$500 bail under the new Jones law.

Legion of Honour



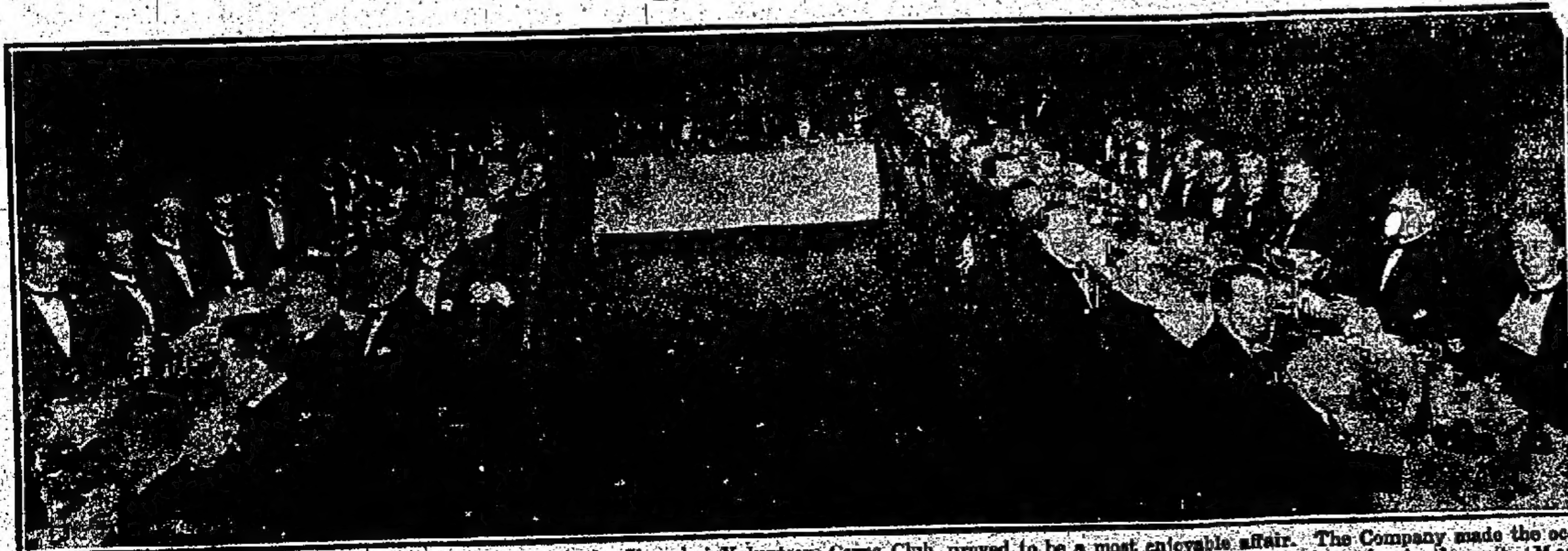
As a reward for her relief work among French troops during the War, Miss Gertrude Robinson of New York has been elected to the Legion of Honour of France.

20 Years A Volunteer

Rebel Leader in Flight



Right, General Jesus M. Aguirre, and left, General Roberto Cruz. General Aguirre was reported in command of rebel troops who seized and held Vera Cruz. Later, according to garbled dispatches from Mexico, the Federal troops recaptured Vera Cruz.



The annual dinner of "A" Company, S.V.C. held at the Shanghai Volunteer Corps Club, proved to be a most enjoyable affair. The Company sends the occasion also of a farewell presentation to Sergeant-Major P. E. Hodges, who is retiring from China in the near future after 20 years' service in the unit. (Major M. Reader Harris, O.C. presided and many guests were present.—(Ah Fong).

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TO-DAY'S RADIO

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m. — Programme of Chinese Music.

7 p.m. — An address to Englishmen by The Hon. W. E. L. Shenton, President of the Society of St. George followed by telegrams of greeting received from kindred societies in various parts of the world.

7.45 p.m. — Evening weather report.

8 p.m. — A Concert, Relayed from the Lee Theatre given by the Society. (Programme already published in "China Mail").

God Save The King.

10.30 p.m. — (Approx) close down.

RADIO NEWS

JOURNALISTS' RADIO PRESS ASSOCIATION

Washington, April 17.

The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, to-day, denied the application of the National Radio Press Association for an injunction to restrain the Federal Radio Commission from assigning news radio channels to the press associations and newspapers of the country.

Mr. Justice Bailey, in giving the Court's decision, declared the Court does not believe the plaintiff can be called a press association in the regular sense of the word.

The National Radio Press Association, headed by Mr. Charles A. Sloan, formerly of Shanghai, had applied for an injunction to prevent the assigning of radio channels to the regular American press associations and newspapers on the grounds the organisation proposed a regular radio broadcast of news to supplant newspapers. — United Press.

NANKING OBJECTS

FRENCH RADIO STATION IN SHANGHAI

Nanking, April 18.

In a ministerial order to the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kiangsu, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs instructs that a strong protest be lodged with the French Consul-General in Shanghai, against the despatching and receiving of commercial messages by the French (Koukaza) Radio Station. The order points out that the operation of the French Radio Station in Shanghai for commercial purposes constitutes a violation of International Conventions. — "Kuo Min."

Checks on Chief Justice



Helen Terwilliger, 13-year-old school girl, of Walden, N.Y., listening in on the radio, Inauguration Day, caught Chief Justice William Howard Taft misquoting the oath of office when he swore in Herbert Hoover as President. Miss Terwilliger says that Chief Justice Taft said "Preserve, maintain and defend" and not "preserve, protect and defend," as mentioned in the constitution. Talking reels of the act verify the child's wording.

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KING ENTHUSIASTIC

AN EARLY ATTRACTION AND A PLEASURE

Bognor, Sussex, March 28. One of King George's hobbies is his wireless receiving set. It is said that it was one of the things he missed most during the long months of his illness. When he came to Craigwell House, here, to recover his strength before convalescing, he brought his set with him, and now he spends a great deal of his time listening-in to the different stations.

The King uses a four-valve set, which necessarily is very selective, in order to cut out Morse interference from the Channel and jamming stations from the Paris broadcasting stations. The set is generally tuned in to 5 XX at Daventry.

King George has been a radio listener since the early days. He had an elaborate set installed at Buckingham Palace some years ago, and, of course, he has broadcast on several notable occasions. — United Press.



Sen. Jesse H. Metcalf, of Rhode Island, who with Sen. Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, inaugurated the radio talks which has become a regular feature to inform the radio public of the doings of Congress during last week.

of fitting a safety fuse. The best type is that made exactly like a flash-lamp bulb; the only difference is that the filament will burn out if a current greater than 60 milliamperes is passed. The cost is only 6d., while holders can be obtained for 4d. With ordinary types of receivers only one of these fuses is necessary, and it should be placed between the H. T. negative and the L. T. wiring. In all sets the H. T. negative is connected to the L. T., some to negative, some to the positive. If this connection is already made it should be broken, and the fuse inserted there.

In sets which make use of screened grid valves or pentodes additional fuses are required; in the case of the tetrode one should be inserted in the H. T. lead to the screening grid, and in the case of the pentode one should be connected between the auxiliary terminal on the valve-base and H. T. supply.

The reason for the extra precaution necessary with these valves is that it is possible for the grids to touch another electrode, and so short-circuit a portion of the H. T. battery by touching the filaments. If a valve of these types did happen to do this it would be rendered useless in spite of the fact that the filament remained intact. The fuse would save the H. T. battery from ruin.



Mary Astor and Albert Conti in "Dry Martini," Fox Picture, at the Queen's Theatre, to-day and to-morrow.

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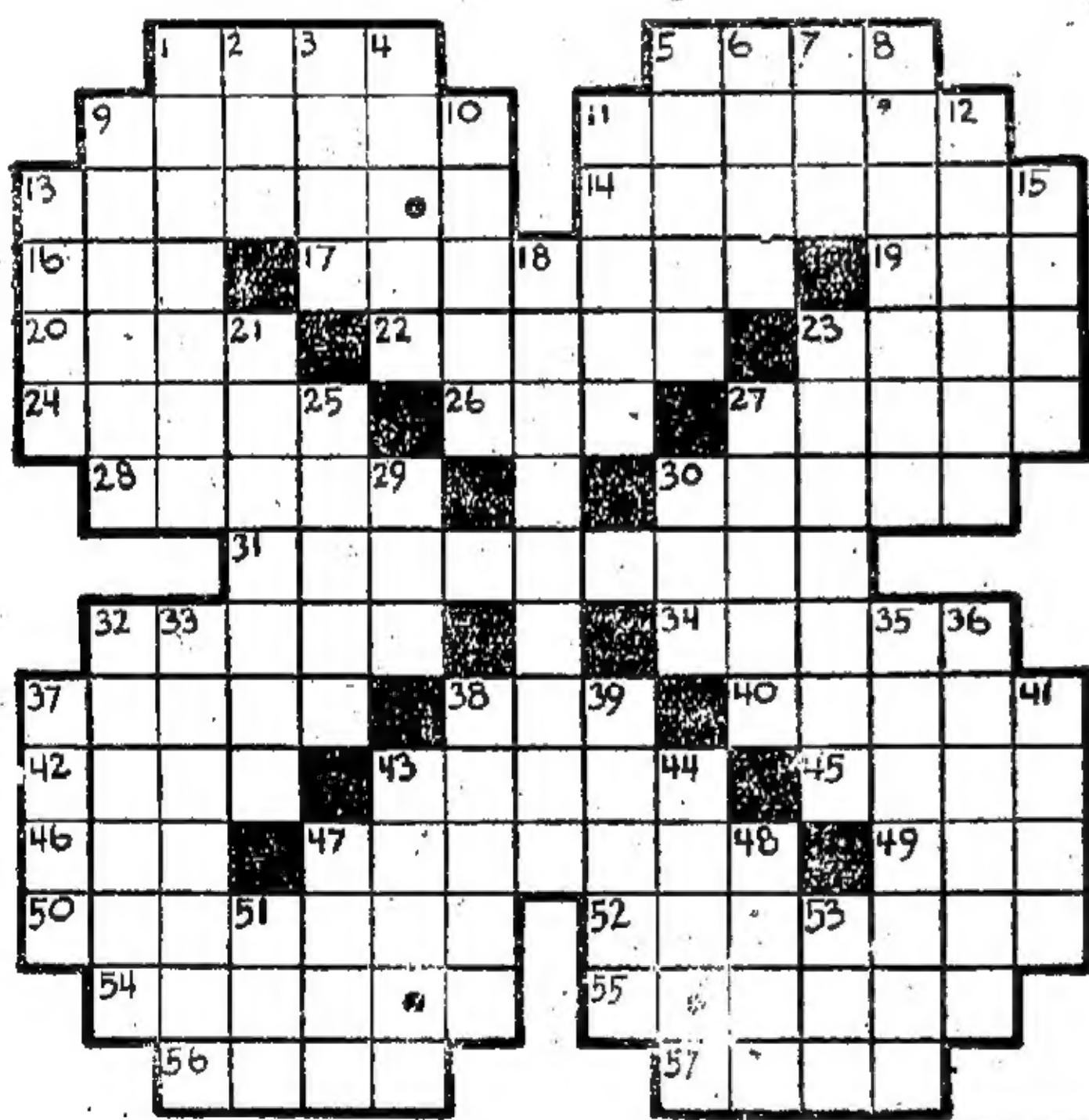
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Rack
- 5-Serpent (pl.)
- 8-Burdened
- 11-Necessitate
- 13-A comrade
- 14-Made to correspond
- 16-Lick up
- 17-Staff
- 19-Viscous substance
- 20-At a distance
- 22-Rodent (pl.)
- 23-Plunge
- 24-Fathers (French)
- 25-Put on
- 27-Restore
- 28-Prepare afresh
- 30-Ballads
- 31-Evenly
- 32-Appointments
- 34-Assumed name
- 37-Fruits of the pine
- 39-Nothing
- 40-Small pieces
- 42-Witches
- 43-A pair of clappers
- 45-Increase
- 46-Prefix, Back
- 47-Old-time warship

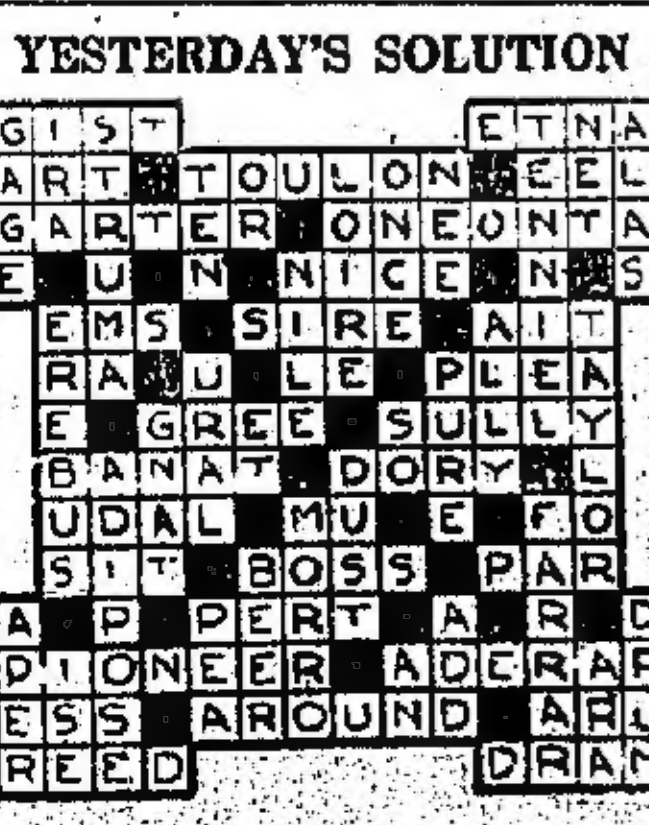
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Latin for "thus"
- 50-Faests
- 52-Number
- 54-Decline
- 55-Force in operation
- 56-Printer's mark "let it stand"
- 57-Mineral products
- 1-Measure one thing by another
- 2-Knock
- 3-Fifteenth of March, Roman calendar
- 4-Tree
- 5-S. American mountains
- 6-Bg. prominent
- 7-Pulp of fruit
- 8-Session
- 9-Idler
- 10-Apprehensive terror
- 11-Penetrated
- 12-Flat parts of plants
- 13-Applaud
- 15-Attracted
- 18-Exasperating
- 21-Disproves

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 23-Refusing
- 25-Perpendicular line from end of circle (pl.)
- 27-Enwraps
- 28-Poetic form for "it is"
- 30-Scotch for "little"
- 32-One who utters low sounds from pain
- 33-Encounters in battle
- 35-Exercise in the open air (pl.)
- 36-Covered with blot
- 37-Burn
- 38-Clamor
- 39-Let by written contract
- 41-Dominion
- 43-French seaport
- 44-Combining form meaning "narrow"
- 47-Passage for conveying smoke
- 48-Always
- 51-Towards the stern
- 53-Before

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



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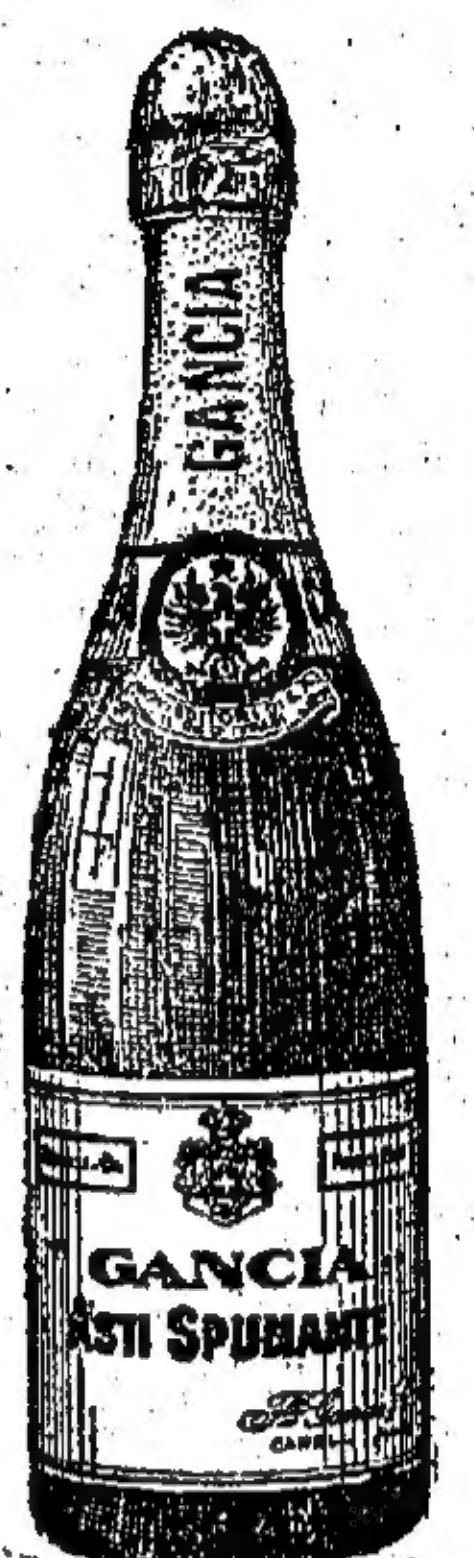
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From TUESDAY, APRIL 23.

Shanghai and Amoy Hupeh
Saigon D'Artagnan
Shanghai Chenonceaux

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24.

Japan Seiyō Maru
Shanghai and Swatow Suiyang

THURSDAY, APRIL 25.

Shanghai & Europe via Siberia Alipore
Straits Hosang
Amoy Tilawa
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers, London, 28th Mar. & parcels, 21st Mar.) Morea

FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

Shanghai Mantua
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai Pres. Jackson
Shanghai and Amoy Liangchow
Calcutta and Straits Talamba

SUNDAY, APRIL 28.

Manila Empress of Russia

OUTWARD MAILS.

For TUESDAY, APRIL 23.

Straits, Ceylon, Indian Mauritius, L. Marques, E. & S. Africa La Plata Maru 3.30 p.m.
Amoy Soehow 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Kwongying 4 p.m.
Manila President Pierce 4.30 p.m.
Swatow Kwai Sang 5 p.m.
Japan Shun Chih 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia D'Artagnan 5 p.m.
Registration Apr. 23, 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24.

Bangkok Halldor 8.30 a.m.
Hohow and Haiphong Tean 9.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia Tjikarang 2.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25.

Hohow Kwangtung 8.30 a.m.
Hohow and Haiphong Manado Maru 8.30 a.m.
Saigon Hanyang 10.30 a.m.
Straits Van Heutsz 10.30 a.m.
Amoy Chengtu 1.30 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Morea 8.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta Tilawa Apr. 26, 12.30 p.m.
Amoy Hosang 5 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

DESERT TRAGEDY

MISSING AIRMAN BELIEVED TO BE BURIED

LUCKY FIND

Sydney, Yesterday.
Apparently it was only by the purest chance that Mr. Brain, the pilot of the plane "Atlanta," found Lieut. Keith Anderson's plane Kookaburra.

The latter landed nearly 200 miles north of its direct course from Alice Springs to Wyndham. Brain passed over the spot solely because he happened to be on his course to Wave Hill, where he was going to join the search party, when smoke from a recent fire drew his attention.

Brain noticed a short runway was cleared near the Kookaburra, indicating that the airman had tried to resume his flight.

Six aeroplanes are now intensively searching for the missing airman in the vicinity of the Kookaburra.

Brain's Views

Sydney, Yesterday.
The air pilot, Brain, again flew low above Kookaburra, and says that he saw what appeared to be a mound near an exposed body under the wing of a machine. He suggests that the other airman was roughly buried.—Reuter.

REPARATIONS

HOW GERMANY OBLIGES THE QUESTION

A MEMORANDUM

Paris, Yesterday.

The German Memorandum states that if Germany is to assume the payments enumerated in the plan submitted by Dr. Schacht, without further increasing her foreign debt, she should be permitted to "recreate overseas sources of raw materials, exclusively to herself."

The Memorandum also refers to Germany's loss of territory on her eastern frontier. It adds that the separation of a whole province from the rest of the Reich has so seriously affected the prosperity of this province that the Reich is obliged regularly to subsidize it. "Consequently it will be necessary to agree to measures with a view to dealing with these unfavourable conditions, which are reducing Germany's capacity to pay."

The Haves diplomatic correspondent comments that evidently the Germans wish to demand full sovereignty of the Reich over ex-German colonies, and also the Danzig corridor and Upper Silesia.—Reuter.

CAPT. LANCASTER

WELL-KNOWN FLIER IN HOSPITAL

CONDITION SERIOUS

New York, Yesterday.
Captain Lancaster, who crashed three weeks ago at Port of Spain in a flight across the Caribbean, and suffered internal injuries, has arrived on a liner in which he was operated upon the day after he left Barbados.

He has gone to hospital here, and his condition is serious.

Captain Lancaster's most spectacular flight was to Australia, accompanied by Mrs. Keith Miller.—Reuter's American Service.

PUBLIC INSECURITY IN AMERICA

HOOVER'S VIEWS

SAYS "LIFE AND PROPERTY LESS SAFE" IN AMERICA

NEED FOR ENFORCEMENT

New York, Yesterday.

A scathing indictment with reference to public insecurity in the United States was made by Pres. Hoover in a speech at a luncheon of the Associated Press.

He declared that life and property in the United States were less safe than in any other country in the world.

There were 9,000 murders yearly in the United States and less than one sixth of the cases of the slayers were convicted compared with Great Britain.

Taking account of the difference in population there were 20 times as many murders in the United States and at least 50 times as many robberies.

Pres. Hoover admitted that Prohibition had increased the volume of crime but that out of the total number of felonies last year under 8 per cent. involved the 18th amendment.

Two immediate problems of the Government were to investigate the existing agencies and the enforcement of the law and to reorganise a system of enforcement.—Reuter's American Service.

U.S. AGRICULTURE

PRESIDENT OPPOSED TO A SUBSIDY

"BAD AND UNWORKABLE"

Washington, Yesterday.

President Hoover has written to Mr. McNary, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, declaring that the Export Debitum plan to assist farmers is bad and unworkable. He believes it would create profiteering, with resultant disaster to the farmer himself.

Mr. A. Mellon, Secretary to the Treasury, has also written to the Committee declaring that the proposed debenture is indistinguishable from a cash bounty on exports. "It is hardly to be assumed that foreign countries with important agricultural interests to protect will permit their producers to be subjected to a price war subsidised from the United States Treasury, without adopting protective measures."—Reuter's American Service.

TORNADO IN U.S.A.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

TWENTY-SIX DEATHS

Little Rock, Ark., Yesterday.
Thirteen people were killed and four injured in a tornado here. Most of the dead are negroes, but one white child had his back broken, and died.

Later.

Altogether there are 26 deaths as a result of the storms in Arkansas this week-end.—Reuter.

BIG HURRICANE

WIDESPREAD TOLL THROUGHOUT JAPAN

HEAVY CASUALTIES FEARED

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A violent hurricane which swept over almost the whole of Japan yesterday left a widespread toll of death and damage in its wake.

Reports from various parts of the country indicate that numberless houses were wholly or partially destroyed. A number of fishing and other small craft were sunk, or are missing.

The casualties include several drowned at sea and several killed or injured on land.

Naval Ratings Missing

Later.

The toll of lives lost in the destruction wrought by yesterday's hurricane continues to mount.

Two Naval planes carrying a crew of four belonging to the aircraft-carrier Akagi are officially reported missing in a storm during practice off the Korean coast. Three bluejackets have been washed overboard from destroyers, and are feared drowned.

The north-western coast of Japan appears to have suffered worst, especially Niigata. Belated reports from that point indicate that several hundred houses have been completely demolished, and about three hundred seriously damaged. There are eight known dead and 70 injured. The property loss is estimated to exceed ¥1,000,000.

In addition to other factors, the winds fanned disastrous conflagrations in two northern towns, resulting in four deaths, and destruction of 60 buildings.

The loss of life at sea, where many fishing boats are still missing is not yet certain, but it is feared it may be heavy.

DISARMAMENT

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willingness to carry further the principle of reduction of which the foundation had tentatively been laid and were anxious to promote it to its fullest possible extent.

Equivalent Values

A very important matter laid down by Mr. Gibson was that of arriving at some system of equivalent values, based upon other factors besides mere tonnage, such as speed. He (Lord Cushendun) did not like to say very much upon that point until he had further information, but he entirely agreed that it was along those lines the problem ought to be investigated. He thought the British Government had also, to some extent, been investigating the possibility of arriving at equivalent values, taking into account other factors besides tonnage; but obviously this was a matter which was extremely technical and which the British Government would only examine in conjunction with expert advice. He was, however, quite certain that any suggestion of this sort by the United States and any information as to their study of this subject would be most carefully and, in the most friendly spirit, examined and considered by the British Government. He could not, of course, commit his Government in any way to a result that might follow from that examination, but he certainly welcomed the whole spirit of Mr. Gibson's statement, which had such a close bearing upon the whole of the naval question that it must profoundly affect the work on disarmament at Geneva.

—British Wireless Service.

The American Proposals

Geneva, Yesterday.

From the hearty reception accorded to Mr. Gibson's speech and the profound impression created in League circles, it is expected that the American proposals will now be examined by a committee of experts.

—Reuter.

U.S. Tremendously Stirred

Washington, Yesterday.

The attitude of other big naval Powers, especially Great Britain towards the American proposals at Geneva, is eagerly awaited. Mr. Gibson's speech having tremendously stirred the country.—Reuter's American Service.

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